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Dear Supervisors:

STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2021-22 SESSION (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The following recommendations represent policies and proposals for the 2021-22 State Legislative Session, which were developed in coordination with the Board of Supervisors' (Board) offices, County departments, and County Counsel. This package, together with other positions previously adopted by the Board, represent guiding principles for the County's advocacy efforts in Sacramento.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve the attached additions, deletions, and changes to existing Board-adopted policies and positions for inclusion in the 2021-22 State Legislative Agenda (Attachment).
2. Instruct the Acting Chief Executive Officer and affected departments to work with the County's Legislative delegation, other counties and local governments, and stakeholders to pursue these policies, positions, and priorities in the State Legislature and with the Administration and its agencies.
3. Direct the Chief Executive Office and the County's Sacramento Legislative Representatives to advocate on the Board's behalf and to prepare and transmit the County's legislative priorities in letters to the Legislature and the Governor.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended changes seek to minimize the adverse impact of State actions on the County, achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds, protect revenue sources for County-provided services, secure State financial assistance whenever possible, and promote the growth of the State and local economy.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The recommended changes in the attachment represent requests from this office, County departments, and Board offices to add or modify policy statements consistent with existing operational goals and plans. Beginning this year and going forward, significant updates to the County's State Legislative Agenda will be made every other year, before the start of the two-year legislative session. New policy statements represent emerging programs and issues for which we are seeking the Board's concurrence to guide future advocacy efforts in Sacramento. In addition, some policies are no longer applicable and, therefore, have been removed.

All other State Legislative Agenda policies and positions previously adopted by the Board remain in effect and, as such, advocacy will continue on these matters. A revised comprehensive list of all State Legislative Agenda policy statements will be published subsequent to consideration and approval of the changes included in this letter.

CALIFORNIA FISCAL OUTLOOK

On June 29, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 State Budget Act, which balances a projected \$54.3 billion deficit by: 1) generating \$10.6 billion in Federal funds as a result of program expansion cancelations, lower health and human services caseload projections, and higher revenue assumptions; 2) including \$9.3 billion in special fund borrowing and transfers, as well as other deferrals; 3) drawing down \$7.8 billion from the Rainy Day Fund and \$450.0 million from the Safety Net Reserve; and 4) generating \$4.4 billion in new revenues by temporarily suspending the use of net operating losses and limiting the business incentive credits a taxpayer can use in any given tax year.

The FY 2020-21 State Budget Act also adopted \$11.1 billion in reductions or deferrals that would have been restored if at least \$14.0 billion in Federal funds were received by October 15, 2020. To date, the U.S. Congress and the Trump Administration have not agreed on another stimulus package that would provide additional funds to state and local governments. As a result, \$1.0 billion for counties to backfill for lost Realignment revenues was reduced to \$750.0 million. Additional reductions or deferrals in effect include \$6.55 billion for K-14 education; nearly \$1.0 billion for higher education; \$1.89 billion to State employee compensation; \$150.0 million to the judicial branch; and \$50.0 million to child support services, among others. If the Federal government approves additional relief funding to the State before the end of the year, it is unclear at this time how those funds would be spent.

Of importance to the County, the FY 2020-21 State Budget Act included: 1) \$750.0 million to counties to backfill for lost Realignment revenues, prioritizing support for health and human services, entitlement programs, and programs that serve vulnerable populations, of which the County is expected to receive approximately \$79.8 million; 2) \$1.289 billion to counties and cities to be used for homelessness, public health, public safety, and other services to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, of which the County will receive \$163.4 million; and 3) \$600.0 million for Homekey (formerly Project RoomKey) to acquire permanent housing through the purchase of motel properties,

and \$300.0 million to counties, cities, and continuum of care to support efforts to reduce homelessness.

COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

As described below, unless otherwise directed by the Board, the County's advocacy efforts in 2021 will be primarily concentrated on fiscal stability for counties, the direct and indirect economic effects of COVID-19, health services, homeless services, affordable housing, justice reform, child welfare and early childhood development, infrastructure investments, economic and workforce development, and environment and sustainability.

County Budget Stability - The County relies on State and local sales taxes and other economy-based funds for essential services. Due to the economic effects of COVID-19, the County projects almost \$1.0 billion in lost revenues that fund vital public programs, including health, public safety, child welfare, homelessness, and social services. To help address these losses, the FY 2020-21 State Budget Act provided \$750.0 million statewide to partially backfill the losses in 1991 and 2011 Realignment revenue counties are experiencing, including \$239.3 million for the County. However, although helpful, this funding is one-time and insufficient to cover the entire projected revenue loss.

Therefore, the County will advocate for State proposals that provide support for counties experiencing revenue losses as a result of COVID-19, including: 1) State budget proposals that stabilize both 1991 and 2011 Realignment funding for critical programs by fully backfilling for lost revenue on an ongoing basis until such revenue recovers to pre-COVID-19 base levels; and 2) proposals that preserve and augment State funding for core safety-net programs, entitlements, and other critical programs.

Combatting COVID-19 - The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, (P.L. 116-136) established the \$150.0 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to provide Federal funding to states and local governments to cover expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The County received \$1.057 billion directly from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Furthermore, out of the \$9.526 billion in CRF the State received, \$1.289 billion was allocated to counties through the FY 2020-21 State Budget Act to further address the public health and public safety impacts of COVID-19, including homelessness. The County received \$163.4 million. However, although helpful, this funding is one-time, and more relief funds will be needed to mitigate the direct and indirect economic effects of COVID-19, help counties achieve economic recovery, and provide support to individuals, families, and employers.

Therefore, the County will advocate for State proposals that: 1) provide funding for counties to be used towards: a) public health, including testing, contact tracing, and personal protective equipment; b) public safety, including implementation of social distancing guidelines in public facilities; c) servicing vulnerable populations, including homeless individuals, at-risk youth, and aging adults; d) behavioral and mental health services; e) assistance to small businesses to comply with the Governor's COVID-19 Executive Orders; and f) human services, including increased caseloads; and 2) provide funding for rapid re-skilling programs, including apprenticeships and credentialing, that connect the unemployed with jobs in new sectors.

Health, Public Health, and Mental Health - In addition to those detailed above related to responding to the COVID-19 crisis, there are several legislative issues that are critical to the health safety net in Los Angeles County. Medi-Cal is essential for the County's most vulnerable residents, and the State's fiscal pressures have led to threats of cuts to eligibility, covered services, and care access. Additionally, the State is expected to resume efforts to finalize its proposal for the California

Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, which was delayed this year and is expected to include the State's Medicaid Sections 1115 and 1915(b) Waivers and related funding mechanisms. Therefore, the County will continue to support and advocate for proposals that: 1) protect and expand Medi-Cal funding, eligibility, and covered services, including through the CalAIM initiative; and 2) educate and promote access to available health care services for immigrant families and children, such as Medi-Cal and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

The overall health and well-being of a community is critically important to preventing physical and behavioral health conditions and to reducing health inequities. Therefore, the County will continue to support proposals that: 1) strengthen the public health infrastructure for programs that enhance health equity across the County, as well as effectively respond to health emergencies, emerging threats, and other disasters; and 2) support community health, disease prevention and control, and wellness efforts to address the root causes of physical and behavioral health conditions.

The growing need of individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorder continues to outpace resources for critical services at all levels of care, including acute inpatient, outpatient, and residential facilities. At the same time, core behavioral health funding such as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Realignment are projected to decline, and there have been numerous legislative proposals to divert MHSA funding away from its core values. The County has initiated a reuse initiative for the LAC+USC Medical Campus to create a mental health and well-being village to support integrated services for the most vulnerable populations. Therefore, the County will also continue to support proposals to ensure that individuals with mental illness have access to critical services in the most appropriate setting, including maintaining MHSA for the behavioral health system and expanding funding for behavioral health services and placements/housing.

Homeless Services - In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the County's Homeless Initiative partnered with the State, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and other local agencies to advocate for State and Federal resources to implement Homekey to protect the most vulnerable people in our communities, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and protect capacity in our health care system. As the pandemic continues, and more people fall into homelessness due to the growing housing and economic crisis, the County remains focused on moving those experiencing homelessness into stable housing and implementing effective strategies to reduce the flow of individuals and families into homelessness.

The County will advocate for State assistance and proposals that advance the County's efforts to combat homelessness, including proposals to: 1) provide ongoing funding to reduce and prevent homelessness; 2) expand the availability of interim, permanent supportive and affordable housing; and 3) allow counties to maximize Federal, State, and local funds to provide services to individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness, such as for Medicaid reimbursable services.

Affordable Housing - The County places a high priority on increasing the availability of affordable housing. To that end, the County has reserved \$736.0 million to invest in affordable housing, \$490.0 million of which has been received and used to leverage \$2.68 billion in public and private funds, towards the construction of approximately 6,355 affordable units over the last five years.

The County will continue to support and advocate for proposals that: 1) provide funding to construct new affordable housing units; 2) preserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units; 3) provide rental assistance and legal assistance for individuals and families at-risk of housing instability or homelessness, especially emergency assistance needed due to the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; 4) provide down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers;

and 5) fund initiatives to ensure housing stability for youth, including those currently and formerly in foster care.

Justice Reform - The County's ongoing reform of its justice programs continues to be at a critical stage, and its success will have momentous impact locally and statewide. Reforming the larger adult and juvenile justice systems will require a truly robust multi-disciplinary and intersectoral effort, including a continued and expanded partnership with the State. As such, the County will advocate for proposals that continue advancing statewide and local efforts to transform the adult and juvenile justice systems, including proposals that would support the County's goals to: 1) divert adults and juveniles from incarceration and into rehabilitative, health-focused, and care-first systems; 2) mitigate racial and economic disparities in the justice system; 3) strengthen law enforcement transparency, accountability, and policing reforms; and 4) implement bail system reforms consistent with the County's care-first agenda, with adequate local control, time, flexibility and funding for services, and which reduce unnecessary detention while maintaining public safety.

Child Welfare and Early Childhood Development - The County is committed to its collaboration and partnerships with stakeholders to increase resources that improve outcomes for children, youth, and families involved in the child welfare system; support programs and services that strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect; and promote childhood development and learning by investing in high-quality, accessible early care and education programs. Recent State budget and legislative efforts to support vulnerable children and families and assist them with access to critical services have been vital to addressing the increased need for services resulting from the ongoing pandemic. However, additional investments and resources are still necessary to provide relief for strained systems while meeting the increased demand for child welfare, early care, educational services, and support to caregivers and community partners.

The County will continue to advocate for proposals that enhance child safety, wellbeing, and permanency, and strengthen families through access to services and supports. Among others, this includes: 1) services and funding for case management, mental health, educational attainment, career development, and stable housing that promote self-sufficiency among transition-age foster youth, non-minor dependents, and former foster youth; 2) enhanced child welfare services; 3) evidence-based child abuse and neglect upfront and prevention services; and 4) high-quality early care and education programs. In addition, advocacy efforts will continue for State and Federal proposals that advance the County's efforts to successfully implement child welfare reform without disruption to vital services, (e.g., the Family First Prevention Services Act).

Infrastructure Investments - The County has a vision for modernizing infrastructure while assuring efficient resource management in the context of climate change and population growth, and has approximately \$1.6 billion in shovel-ready projects for transportation, water, parks, and beaches. Full funding for these projects could create over 20,000 jobs. The County is using existing local and State voter-approved revenue measures to invest in local streets, roads, and bridges, which are vital to the region's economy, public safety, and our residents' quality of life. In 2018, County voters also approved a ballot measure to fund stormwater projects and programs that will modernize our 100-year old water system, protect public health and the environment, and maximize a cleaner, locally controlled water system. However, investment and legislative actions from our State partners would greatly assist the County to meet its larger infrastructure goals.

The County will advocate for proposals that support county and State responsibility for improving and maintaining vital public infrastructure, including proposals that: 1) provide new and ongoing sources of funding to enhance mobility and safety; 2) provide funding to maintain and upgrade water infrastructure; 3) fund the development of public infrastructure, transportation systems, and programs

that address population growth, the regional economy, climate change, and public health; 4) provide funding to invest in recycling and organic waste infrastructure; 5) assist local governments' disaster prevention/mitigation efforts; and 6) increase digital infrastructure.

Economic and Workforce Development - To stimulate job growth in the region and help lift residents out of poverty, the County is strategically investing in supporting small businesses and innovative workforce development programs in high growth sector industries that create a pipeline to well-paying jobs for the community. The County's economic development and workforce development programs seek to incentivize the growth of small businesses, build a more inclusive workforce, and provide targeted assistance to individuals facing the greatest barriers to economic success.

The County will advocate for proposals that promote economic development, stimulate job growth in the region, and help lift economically disadvantaged residents experiencing barriers to employment out of poverty and into self-sufficiency. This includes proposals that would: 1) support the technology, health care, trade, manufacturing, construction, leisure and hospitality, bioscience, clean energy, and creative economies, such as the film and digital media; 2) stimulate regional investment and encourage private sector participation; 3) support and incentivize the growth and development of small businesses and social enterprises; 4) support comprehensive employment and training programs that provide wrap-around supportive services, remove barriers to employment, provide continued education, affect job placement, encourage businesses to hire unemployed or underemployed workers, improve the retention of workers, and support worker health and safety; and 5) provide economic relief to industries, small businesses, and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in order to support the County's economic recovery and foster sustained regional growth.

Environment and Sustainability - Environmental hazards compounded by the impacts of climate change continue to place an unequal burden on low- income communities, particularly communities of color. Over the last several years, incidents involving lead contamination, hazardous substance releases, hazardous air quality, and deteriorating water supply infrastructure have required the County to intervene to ensure that the State is providing timely enforcement of regulations and holding responsible parties accountable for cleanup actions.

Therefore, the County will advocate for proposals that: 1) mitigate historic and ongoing exposure to environmental risks, especially from the production and use of fossil fuels; and 2) bolster local authority to enforce corrective actions of businesses emitting hazardous substances, increase the State's regulation of hazardous materials and waste, improve the State's enforcement of environmental laws, reduce the use of fossil fuels, and provide funding for remediation or administration of service provision.

The County will also support proposals that: 1) enhance the well-being of every community while reducing the damage to the natural environment; 2) reduce the production and use of fossil fuels in order to limit resident's exposure to climate-related risks and assist communities in adapting to climate change; and 3) prioritize complimentary goals of job creation, protection of natural resources, improved public health, social equity, technology innovation, and regional policy collaboration.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed policies in the State Legislative Agenda are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness and Fiscal Sustainability. Operational Effectiveness is achieved by providing timely advocacy on proposals that could significantly impact the County and

support the delivery of efficient public services. Fiscal Sustainability will result from efforts by the Chief Executive Office and County departments to sustain essential services through proactive and prudent fiscal policies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

None.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

The recommended additions, deletions, and changes to existing adopted policies are submitted for the Board's consideration as guiding principles for inclusion in the State Legislative Agenda for the 2021-22 Legislative Session. This office will ensure that all legislative positions pursued are communicated to the Board, and that Board offices are provided the opportunity for input on those positions prior to any initial advocacy.

The policies and proposals contained in this package are in addition to, and are not intended to replace or be exclusive of, any position the Board may adopt at any time during the year. As in the past, the State Legislative Agenda will be updated to reflect any Board actions taken in 2021 and will be shared with the Board and all County departments prior to the beginning of the 2022 Legislative Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel



RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE 2021-22 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

**RECOMMENDED STATE LEGISLATIVE POLICIES ADDRESSING ISSUES OF
MAJOR COUNTY INTEREST**

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1. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

1.1 Child Welfare Services

1. Support ~~increased funding for~~ proposals that increase funding for family preservation programs and advance initiatives to support children and families prior to involvement in the child welfare system by promoting child abuse prevention and differential response programs/models.

Justification: According to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), families experiencing certain challenges need added support to address issues and prevent maltreatment and the need for the child welfare system to intervene. DCFS supports comprehensive, integrated strength-based, family-centered, and community-oriented intervention services designed to prevent child maltreatment and increase child safety within the home, by developing and supporting parental resiliency, social connections, increased knowledge of parenting and child development, the provision of concrete supports in times of need, economic development, and social and emotional competence in adults and children. Support for initiatives and programs that provide primary and secondary prevention efforts for families is vital to decreasing reliance on the child welfare system and is in alignment with the passage of and the transition to the Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), which provides Federal funds to support evidence-based prevention efforts. **(Recommended by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

4. Oppose unfunded mandates that do not enhance child safety, ~~or expedited~~ permanence, or promote well-being.

Justification: Promoting well-being is an integral part of the mission of DCFS and the Invest LA framework to create a culture of safety, equity, and community. To sustain long-term positive change in communities, DCFS is committed to aligning our goals and initiatives to ensuring that children and families have the tools to become resilient and thrive. **(Recommended by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

10. Support proposals that promote ~~cross-agency~~ communication and collaboration between child welfare and, among others, local education agencies, parks and recreation departments, local arts agencies, public libraries, ~~and~~ law enforcement agencies, and American Indian and Alaskan tribes to enhance the County's ability to establish partnerships that ensure the safety and well-being of children at risk of abuse and neglect, enhance and develop programs and processes that improve the quality of life and outcomes for all children.

Justification: The Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) recommends the addition of local arts agencies to allow the County to support proposals that promote the inclusion of arts and culture into collaborations for child welfare. Additionally, the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services notes the unique legal status, and over representation in foster care, of American Indian and Alaskan Native Children warranting services and safeguards to address their needs. **(Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture and the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services; concurred by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

12. Support proposals that increase the types of professionals required to report suspected cases of child abuse ~~and increase penalties that mandated reporters are subject to under existing law for the failure to report incidents of known or suspected abuse and neglect.~~ and promote the quality of and accessibility to training for mandated reporters.

Justification: While DCFS supports expanding the types of professionals required to report suspected child abuse, DCFS is not in favor of supporting proposals that increase penalties for mandated reporters for failure to report incidents of known or suspected abuse and neglect. DCFS recognizes how critical it is to encourage mandated reporters to adhere to child abuse/neglect reporting laws. The concern is that using a fear-based approach to generate more reports to the Child Protection Hotline may not increase the accurate reporting of actual suspected abuse/neglect, but instead lead to the over reporting of calls on matters previously reported or investigated, thereby complicating the Department's ultimate ability to conduct timely responses and thorough investigations. **(Recommended by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

16. Support legislation to allow law enforcement agencies to submit information on cases of ~~known or suspected~~ substantiated child abuse or severe neglect for inclusion in the Child Abuse Central Index.

Justification: This recommended change is consistent with existing practice of Child Protective Services/Child Welfare Agencies of reporting only substantiated investigative findings to the Child Abuse Central Index. **(Recommended by the Department of Children and Family Services; concurred by the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney)**

26. *Support proposals that increase funding and advance initiatives to support children and families after their involvement in the child welfare system by promoting Aftercare services and programs/models.*

Justification: DCFS states that although families complete service plans under child welfare supervision, many families still need ongoing support subsequent to the closure of their dependency case. Access to aftercare services is critical to protecting children from re-abuse, preventing families from re-entering the child welfare system, and helping families maintain a connection to community supports and resources. **(Recommended by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

1.2 Child Welfare Services – Foster Care

11. Support proposals and funding to ensure that ~~the educational system appropriately meets~~ the educational needs of children in foster care are met through efforts that include, but are not limited to, including the expedited designation of Educational Rights Holders and improved monitoring of non-public schools.

Justification: According to DCFS, obtaining the educational support needed by foster children can be hampered when a designee is not promptly assigned as the Educational Rights Holder. When parents are unable to participate in their children's educational plans, the process to identify an alternative Educational Rights Holder can be complex and lengthy, which can prevent a child from receiving needed services and supports they need, thereby placing them at a greater disadvantage. **(Recommended by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

12. Support proposals that provide and fund substance ~~abuse~~ use treatment services for children and parents in the Child Welfare Services system.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

27. Support proposals that provide funding for educational, enrichment, arts, and other extra-curricular activities for foster youth.

Justification: The Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) recommends the addition of artistic/creative and other extracurricular activities for foster youth to allow the County to support proposals that promote the role of arts and creativity in child and youth development. **(Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture; concurred by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

1.3 ~~Child Care and~~ Child Development and Early Care and Education

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current terminology used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health-Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education)**

6. Support efforts that streamline the ~~streamlining of California Department of Education~~ administrative processes utilized by the California Departments of Education and Social Services to expand access for low-income families, ensure continuity of care, and promote flexible use of early care and education funding to meet the needs of families.

Justification: State Budget trailer bill SB 98 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2020) transferred the responsibility for specified early care and education programs from the California Department of Education to the California Department of Social Services. The inclusion of the California Department of Social Services reflects the statutory change in State oversight of early care and education programs. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health-Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education)**

10. Support efforts that increase flexibilities and resources for early care and education providers during local, state, and/or national emergencies to ensure families have timely access to services and providers can meet any resulting increase in demand for services.

Justification: According to the Department of Public Health, the addition of this policy will directly address advocacy efforts needed to ensure that center-based early care and education programs and family childcare homes serving working families have the ability to remain open, re-open, and thrive during an emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, in order to remain open and serve families safely, early care and education programs take drastic measures to curtail and reduce costs to the economic models of programs that either rely on public funds to serve low income-families or family fees to cover their ongoing operational costs. Also, support is critical to help parents and other primary caregivers to quickly access early care and education services, as well as to provide financial assistance to cover the full cost of care which is essential to their ability to respond to a crisis. This policy is consistent with the County's commitment to ensure that the demand for early care and education services by health care professionals and essential workers are met. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health-Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education)**

2. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

2.1 Air Quality

3. Support measures to develop and increase the availability and use of ~~alternative fuels~~ zero and near-zero emission technology, and ~~retrofit~~ replacement of existing ~~generators~~ and fleets.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 7 (A fossil fuel-free Los Angeles), Strategy 7A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to shift to a zero-carbon energy system and Strategy 7B to shift to a zero-emission transportation system. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

5. Support measures that promote the development of ~~low-carbon fuels and other feasible technologies~~ zero and near-zero emission technologies that help meet Federal and State air quality standards.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 7 (A fossil fuel-free Los Angeles), Strategy 7B to shift to a zero-emission transportation system. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

6. Support measures that allow for innovation and local flexibility in developing, maintaining, and expanding cost-effective programs that increase access to zero-emission vehicles, access to transit, and decrease single vehicle ridership or vehicle miles traveled.

Justification: To be consistent with SB 743 (Chapter 386, Statutes of 2013) and other transportation priorities of the County related to decreasing emission, this policy should be updated to advocate for reducing vehicle miles traveled, not increasing them, and for transit options that would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. **(Recommended by the Department**

of Regional Planning; concurred by the Department of Internal Services, Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office, and Los Angeles County Public Works)

7. Support legislation that provides increased funding for the ~~reduction of particulate matter and nitrous oxide emissions from~~ replacement of diesel-powered vehicles and equipment, including generators, with zero or near-zero emission technologies.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 7 (A fossil fuel-free Los Angeles), Strategy 7B to shift to a zero-emission energy system. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

15. Support ~~legislation~~ proposals that seeks to reduce cumulative impacts of air emissions and reduce the urban heat island effect in densely populated urban environments.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience), Strategy 2D (Ensure a climate-appropriate, healthy urban tree canopy that is equitably distributed). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

18. Support proposals that would require fleet operators to convert to zero emission technology whenever feasible and proposals that would provide incentives for early retirement of existing vehicles.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 7 (A fossil fuel-free Los Angeles), Strategy 7B to shift to a zero-emission transportation system. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

19. Support proposals that would provide funding and incentives for zero and near-zero emission goods movement technology at the ports and along goods movement corridors such as the I-710 freeway.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1A to minimize the exposure of vulnerable populations to pollution and reduce health disparities. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

20. *Support proposals that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and indoor air pollution in new and existing buildings.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1A to minimize the exposure of vulnerable populations to pollution and reduce health disparities. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

21. *Support proposals that would limit the public's exposure to climate-related risks, such as wildfire, flooding, and heat.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 3 (Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement), Strategy 3A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to limit development in high climate-hazard areas. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

22. *Support proposals to map and quantify climate vulnerability, especially if focused on public health impacts.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience), Strategy 2A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to integrate climate adaptation and resilience into planning, building, infrastructure, and community development decisions. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

2.2 Beaches

13. Support measures that provide funding and other resources for planning and implementation of coastal climate change adaptation measures.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Strategy 2A (Integrate climate adaptation and resilience into planning, building, infrastructure, and community development decisions), as well as Strategy 5C (Preserve and enhance open space, waterways, and priority ecological areas), and Action 36 (Evaluate and implement mechanisms for the protection, preservation, and restoration of natural buffers to waterbodies, such as floodplains, streams, and wetlands). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Beaches and Harbors)**

2.3 Environmental Protection and Open Space

2. Support proposals ~~to establish a statewide endowment fund~~ to protect, restore, increase, and maintain natural resource areas, such as mountains, forests, beaches, park natural areas, preserves, wildlife/wildflower sanctuaries, greenways, riparian corridors, trails, and other natural environments containing ecological, geological, habitat, cultural, recreational, native biodiversity, and scenic value.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 5 (Thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity), Strategy 5A (Increase ecosystem function, habitat quality, and connectivity, and prevent the loss of native biodiversity in the region). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

5. Support measures to promote the preservation and restoration of Los Angeles County mountain, bay, watershed, river, oak woodlands, and wetland areas, particularly those located within the Los Angeles County mapped Significant Ecological Areas.

Justifications: Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) are officially designated areas within Los Angeles County which have irreplaceable biological resources. The SEA Program objective is to conserve genetic and physical diversity within the County by designating biological resource areas that are capable of sustaining themselves into the future. The revision to this policy would allow the County to advocate for legislation which would balance preservation of the County's natural biodiversity with private property rights, consistent with the County's SEA Ordinance which establishes the permitting, design standards, and review process for development within SEAs. **(Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning; concurred by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

14. Support proposals that provide State funding for planning and/or implementation of environmental protection and health, sustainable communities, climate resiliency, and greenhouse gas reduction programs at the local level.

Justification: The revision to this policy would allow the County to advocate for legislation which would provide funding for planning efforts in addition funding for implementation of environmental protection, health, and climate related programs at the local level. **(Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning)**

17. Support transportation, parks, water conservation, and other related funding proposals which would ensure greenway development, access, protection, restoration, and enhancement are eligible for funding allocations.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 6 (Accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces), and Goal 8 (A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

2.4 Parks

1. Support proposals for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of parks, recreation facilities, open space, and trails, and that ~~facilitate~~ prioritize the establishment of new ~~urban~~ parks in the underserved areas of the County as identified in the Park Needs Assessment.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 6 (Accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces), Strategy 6A (Improve access to parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces), Action 74 (Work with cities and across agencies to plan, implement, and maintain parks, greenways, plazas in those neighborhoods with high park need and/or missing habitat linkages). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

3. Support proposals to fund and promote partnering opportunities with social service agencies, local arts agencies, and schools for youth programs, services, and facilities that incorporate positive recreational and cultural activities ~~alternatives~~ and that provide employment opportunities for youth.

Justification: The Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) recommends the addition of local arts agencies and arts organizations to allow the County to support proposals that incorporate arts in partnering opportunities. Arts and Culture also recommends adding "cultural" to fully express all options. According to the Department, Arts and Culture has a unique relationship with Parks currently providing arts instruction for youth at over 15 sites and most recently had a Creative Strategist Artist in Residence put together a toolkit for arts programming in parks. **(Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture; concurred by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

14. Support proposals to fund or promote ~~the use of~~ parks and park-related amenities as a means to increase community resilience, including mitigating ~~to mitigate~~ the effects of climate change and increasing access.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1A (Develop community capacity to respond to emergencies), Action 27 (Increase resources in parks and public spaces that can be activated to support community resilience during emergencies), as well as Goal 6 (Accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces), Strategy 6A (Improve access to parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

15. Support proposals that encourage joint-use arrangements with schools to increase physical activity for youth and adults, and alleviate the liability of school districts and local government partners in relation to joint-use of school facilities for educational and cultural activities, and public recreation.

Justification: Arts and Culture recommends the addition of educational and cultural activities to expand this policy to allow the County to support proposals that would promote and provide resources for these types of opportunities for counties. Arts and Culture has a unique relationship with Parks currently providing arts instruction for youth at over 15 sites and most recently had a Creative Strategist Artist in Residence put together a toolkit for arts programming in parks. **(Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture; concurred by the Department of Parks and Recreation)**

16. Support proposals that would provide funding and resources for development, operations, maintenance, and programming ~~and enforcement~~ for enhanced recreation and public access to and along the Los Angeles, San Gabriel, and Rio Hondo Rivers, including but not limited to Ballona Creek, Malibu Creek, Dominguez Channel, and their tributaries.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 6 (Accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces), Strategy 6A (Improve access to parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

2.5 Watershed Management and Flood Control

1. Support proposals to fund grants for projects that link watershed management, environmental restoration, biodiversity, recreation, open space, and beach improvements.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience),

Strategy 2C (Create an integrated and resilient water system), Action 34 (Invest in multi-benefit water management solutions), as well as Goal 5 (Thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity), Action 68 (Establish guidelines for local waterways, which balance priorities such as water management, flood risk mitigation, habitat, biodiversity, and community preference). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

2. Support proposals which promote ~~environmentally-friendly~~ nature-based flood control improvements and projects, and do not diminish the performance of flood control systems, and oppose legislation or State mandates that would reduce existing levels of flood protection.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience), Strategy 2C (Create an integrated and resilient water system), Action 36 (Evaluate and implement mechanisms for the protection, preservation, and restoration of natural buffers to waterbodies). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

8. Support proposals that promote a shared Federal, State, and local funding formula to pay for implementation of Total Maximum Daily Load and other storm water requirements and development of attainable and practical water quality regulations based on science ~~and comprehensive analyses of the cost to comply.~~

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the "OurCounty" Strategy 2C Target to achieve compliance with Clean Water Act water quality standards. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

9. Support proposals to fund the planning, implementation, construction, operation, and maintenance of watershed, flood-risk management, or multi-benefit projects, including integrated water resource projects and floodplain buyback and restoration programs, and support legislation that would eliminate conflicting State regulations that hinder integrated water and flood risk management.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience), Strategy 2C (Create an integrated and resilient water system), Action 34 (Invest in multi-benefit water management solutions), and Action 36 (Evaluate and implement mechanisms for the protection, preservation, and restoration of natural buffers to waterbodies). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should

advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

13. Support legislation to develop data-driven, science- and public health-based standards for pathogen levels in regulated receiving waters as a potential replacement for outdated fecal indicator bacteria standards; applies these new standards to monitoring activities; and provides funding for water quality and public health monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the new standards ~~that replaces outdated fecal bacteria indicator standards with public health related standards for pathogen levels in regulated receiving waters; applies the updated public health standards to monitoring activities; and provides funding for the monitoring.~~

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the “OurCounty” Strategy 2C Target to achieve compliance with Clean Water Act water quality standards, and Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place). Any changes in water quality standards should be based on robust data demonstrating that the new standards provide equal or better protection of human and environmental health, as well as availability of funding to ensure that adequate monitoring and interpretation of data is possible. This recommendation is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works and the Department of Public Health)**

2.6 Water Supply

10. Support legislation to increase the reliability of State and local water supplies with appropriate infrastructure and equitable funding levels utilizing the following principles: Local Water Reliability and Conservation, Climate Resilience, Affordability, Protection and Improvement of Water Quality, Habitat and Biodiversity Preservation, New Multi-Benefit Water Supplies, Conveyance and Storage, Equitable Allocation Criteria for Regional Projects, Bond Funding and Appropriations consistent with other County principles, and Delta Sustainability.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience), Strategy 2C (Create an integrated and resilient water system), Action 34 (Invest in multi-benefit water management solutions). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County’s Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

13. Oppose legislation that would create new drinking and potable water quality requirements that would not result in clear, quantitative benefits to ratepayers.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the “OurCounty” Strategy 2C Target to achieve compliance with Clean Water Act water quality standards, Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Goal 5 (Thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity), and the overall commitment to equity expressed throughout the OurCounty plan.

Requirements that may not clearly benefit ratepayers, such as those which may primarily benefit habitat and ecosystems, or residents who are not ratepayers such as homeless communities should not be opposed without careful review and consideration. This recommendation is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

16. Support proposals to [establish monitoring and reporting of secondary drinking water contaminant concentrations and](#) expand the ability of local agencies to take nuisance actions against water purveyors for violations of secondary drinking water standards of color and odor, require water purveyors to fully cooperate with local agencies' investigations, and provide a method of cost recovery for actions taken to abate a nuisance.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1E (Ensure access to safe, clean, affordable water), Action 21 (Identify and implement policies to establish reporting of secondary maximum contaminant level violations in public drinking water systems). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

18. Support legislation that requires State agencies to prioritize review and approval of water infrastructure projects and programs [that are consistent with the County Sustainability Plan and](#) that increase State and/or local water supplies, including water recycling, surface water treatment, stormwater capture, flood control, and groundwater recharge facilities and programs, among others.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience) Strategy 2C (Create and integrated and resilient water system). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

- [23. Support legislation to fund monitoring and research into contaminants of emerging concern.](#)

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1E (Ensure access to safe, clean, affordable water). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works and the Department of Public Health)**

24. [Support proposals to repair water infrastructure of small water systems and/or incentivize consolidation, and ensure rates are kept affordable.](#)

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1E (Ensure access to safe, clean, affordable water). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

2.7 Recycling and Waste Reduction

1. Support proposals that increase flexibility for local agencies to meet the waste reduction goals of the California Integrated Waste Management Act [without reducing public health and environmental protections.](#)

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 9 (Sustainable production and consumption of resources), Strategy 9A (Reduce waste generation), and 9E (Divert reusable and recyclable materials from landfills). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works and the Department of Public Health)**

2. Support legislation and policies which promote the development of alternatives to landfills ~~such as conversion technologies~~ that protect public health and safety and the environment; clarify the definition of conversion technologies; establish a viable permitting process for these alternatives based on performance standards rather than prescriptive definitions; ensure alternatives to landfills qualify for renewable energy production; landfill disposal reduction and reduced carbon fuels production incentives; and provide full diversion and greenhouse gas emission reduction credits for these alternatives under applicable State law; and provide that all energy produced by conversion technology facilities be designated as renewable energy.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 9 (Sustainable production and consumption of resources), Strategy 9A (Reduce waste generation), as well as Strategy 7A (Transition to a zero-carbon energy system that reduces air and climate pollution). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

10. Support legislation to provide funding for research and development that would assist local governments in developing and enhancing source reduction, [green product development](#), recycling, and other waste diversion initiatives.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to a green economy), Action 62 (Lead or support a regional green chemistry/clean manufacturing incubator), as well as Goal 9 (Sustainable production and consumption of resources). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

13. Support and pursue extended producer responsibility legislation and take-back programs for materials such as, but not limited to, sharps and pharmaceuticals, batteries, and textiles. ~~at the State level, consistent with the County's adopted Legislative Agenda and Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future.~~

Justification: The proposed revision is to further extend support for extended producer responsibility and take-back programs to additional materials, such as batteries and textiles, to divert them from landfill disposal through proper collection and management. Proper collection of batteries can reduce the number of fires at solid waste facilities that result from discarded lithium-ion batteries and similar products. Textiles recovered for reuse and recycling will reduce greenhouse gas emissions resulting from landfill disposal and the production and transportation of virgin textiles. **(Recommended by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

16. Support legislation which promotes market development and manufacturer stewardship of environmentally friendly ~~food~~ packaging products.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 9 (Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement), Action 108 (Adopt and advocate for producer and manufacturer responsibility requirements), and Strategy 9E (Divert reusable and recyclable materials from landfills). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

21. Support legislation that provides flexibility in complying with organic waste diversion laws and regulations while ensuring continued progress towards the State's climate goals, and that provides funding for waste diversion infrastructure.

Justification: Local jurisdictions, including the County, are required to comply with various State organic waste recycling laws, including Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) which will become effective on January 1, 2022. SB 1383 requires local jurisdictions to provide organic waste collection services to all residents, businesses, and local government facilities. This policy would allow the County to pursue and/or support legislation that would consider a jurisdiction's "good faith" efforts to comply with the requirements of SB 1383, provide more flexibility in the manner of diverting organic waste from landfill disposal, provide funding for waste diversion infrastructure, allow for more flexibility in providing jurisdictions additional time to meet the State deadlines, and/or to delay timeframes for compliance due to COVID-19 and its associated economic impact. **(Recommended by Los Angeles County Public Works; concurred by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

3.1 Retirement, Compensation and Benefits, and Workers' Compensation

17. Support proposals that provide State unemployment benefits to individuals unable to work as a result of a natural disaster or pandemic emergency, such as COVID-19, including self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig workers and those who earn a combination of traditional (W-2) and self-employment (e.g. 1099) income.

Justification: Motion (Hahn) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020.

3.2 Land Use Planning

4. Support legislation that promotes the development of housing sites near public transit hubs, discourages sprawl, or promotes urban design that encourages safe walking and cycling routes to commercial districts, parks and schools, ~~if financed by a mutually agreed upon funding mechanism.~~

Justification: Funding sources for development are generally not determined until later in the development process. This revision would allow the County to support legislation that would promote housing opportunities near public transit, commercial districts and schools, regardless of the funding mechanism. This revision is consistent with the County's Transit Oriented Districts Program, which encourages infill development, pedestrian-friendly and community-serving uses near transit stops to encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use. **(Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning and the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

18. Support proposals that preserve agricultural and working lands and limit their conversion to residential or other uses.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 3 (Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement), Strategy 3A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to limit development in high climate-hazard areas. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Regional Planning)**

3.3 Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

4. Support increased funding to regulate economic poisons (pesticides) to protect food and fiber crops, and ornamental landscape to ensure the safety of workers, ~~and~~ the public, and wildlife and to protect the quality of the environment.

Justification: This revision is proposed to add language that respects and acknowledges concerns raised regarding the potential harm to wildlife as a result of pesticide issues which have evolved pertaining to the Santa Monica Mountains and elsewhere as mountain lions have been discovered to have consumed rodents that have eaten pesticides, and thus can be negatively impacted by secondary ingestion. **(Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning; concurred by Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures)**

8. *Support proposals to increase capacity for and practice of integrated pest management techniques.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 6 (Accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities), Strategy 6A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to improve access to parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures and the Department of Public Health)**

9. *Support proposals that incentivize the practice of regenerative agriculture.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food), Strategy 10B of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to Support the fair and sustainable production of food. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures)**

3.4 Consumer Protection and Fair Business Practices

14. *Support proposals to increase Small Claims Court filing limits, provide funding for Small Claims Court Advisory services, and/or other procedural changes to increase access to and simplify Small Claims Court.*

Justification: According to the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), the Small Claims Court Act has not been amended since 2008 and does not address the needs of individuals and businesses that want an affordable legal avenue for resolving their disputes. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased around 24 percent since 2008. DCBA indicates that the Small Claims Court Act should be changed to allow all parties utilizing Small Claims Court to sue up to \$15,000, which is an increase from the current limits of \$5,000 to \$10,000 depending on the party suing. Other important reforms include removing limitations on the number of times entities can sue for more than \$2,500 in a calendar year should be removed to allow entities to sue for up to the new proposed limit of \$15,000 as often as necessary.

In response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legislature passed AB 3088, the Tenant Relief Act of 2020 Act which was signed into law by Governor Newsom. Under the Act, tenants were provided temporary eviction protections due to inability to pay rent caused by COVID-19 related financial distress. The coverage period runs from March 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021. Following this coverage period, it is anticipated that there will be an uptick in the filing of small claims to remedy outstanding rent debt. The addition of this policy would allow the County to support legislation related to Small Claims Court reforms which would increase access, resources, and efficiencies to meet the modern day needs of the public. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs; concurred by the Courts)**

29. Support proposals to increase funding for wage theft enforcement ~~and initiatives that contemplate the same~~ or otherwise combat wage enforcement, including those that would eliminate piece rate pay.

Justification: This is a proposed revision to an existing policy related to wage enforcement to incorporate the policy created by the Board motion to support Senate Bill 1399 (Durazo) which would have eliminated piece rates in the garment industry. The revisions are consistent with a motion (Solis and Hahn) approved by the Board on June 9, 2020.

3.5 Child Support Administration

4. Support legislation to improve collection of child support orders including:
- a. Proposals that seek to base a child support order contained in a default judgment on the payor-parent's actual income, rather than presume, in the absence of proof of the payor-parent's income, that the payor-parent works 40 hours per week earning minimum wage;
 - b. Proposals that seek to enable local child support agencies to collect child support from non-traditional sources of income such as gaming proceeds paid to parents who owe past-due child support. This would allow the Department of Child Support Services to collect more child support for children and families;
 - c. Proposals to further adjust the mandatory statewide child support guideline for low-income parents;
 - d. Proposals to increase collections by developing data matches between counties and local child support agencies, including data matches for individuals that contract with or receive a license or permit from a county, to the extent the information is public, which would yield specific information enabling the local child support agency to locate the assets of more parents who owe child support and collect more child support for children and families;
 - e. Proposals to eliminate the accrual of interest on past-due child support payments in order to make child support arrearages more manageable;
 - f. Proposals that support electronic filing of court documents, including the use of electronic signatures and the elimination of requirements to maintain hard copies of legal documents;
 - ~~g. Proposals that grant access to Uniform Parentage Act filings and improve access to dependency court filings for the purposes of obtaining and enforcing child support orders; and~~

Justification: The Child Support Services Department states that the issue identified above in section 4(g) was addressed by recent legislation, AB 1817 (Chapter 115, Statutes of 2019); thus, the policy is no longer needed. **(Recommended by the Child Support Services Department)**

3.8 Historic Preservation

2. Support proposals to fund the protection, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of historical areas, [cultural districts](#), civic artworks, or monuments [in Los Angeles County under County ownership or control and State-owned sites or artworks within the County](#), including, but not limited to those which are under County ownership or otherwise being managed on behalf of the County.

Justification: The Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) recommends this revision of the policy to include cultural districts given the State's focus on them, as well as the recent actions by the State to eliminate funding for them. In addition, Arts and Culture also recommends revising the language to expand the policy to allow the County to advocate for all historical areas, cultural districts, civic artworks, or monuments in Los Angeles County. **(Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture; concurred by the Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History)**

3.9 Human Relations

5. [Support proposals to promote and fund cultural exchange and cultural heritage programs, including but not limited to arts education, art commissions, cultural programs or events, and creative placemaking initiatives.](#)

Justification: The Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) recommends the addition of this policy to allow the County to support proposals that would further and compliment the County's Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative and the most recently approved Cultural Policy Arts and Culture which emphasize the power of the arts as a tool to foster social human connection. **(Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture)**

6. [Support proposals which would remove prohibitions against government entities from providing equal opportunities for historically underrepresented groups.](#)

Justification: Motion (Solis and Kuehl) approved by the Board on June 23, 2020.

3.11 Museums, Arts, and Culture

1. Support proposals that maintain or provide increased funding for museums, arts, and cultural activities, including but not limited to performing arts, visual arts, [media arts](#), literary arts and other artistic disciplines.

Justification: The Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) recommends the addition of media arts as it is identified in the California Education Standards as a distinct and separate art discipline. **(Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture; concurred by the Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History)**

6. [Support proposals that authorize public schools, parks, libraries and museums to adopt land acknowledgement processes to properly recognize Native American tribes as traditional stewards of the land on which an entity is located.](#)

Justification: Motion (Solis) approved by the Board on August 4, 2020.

3.12 Education

11. Support proposals that provide additional support for students impacted by distance learning throughout the region, especially the most vulnerable including those with special needs, low-income, English learners, homeless, and foster youth.

Justification: Motion (Barger and Ridley-Thomas) approved by the Board on July 21, 2020.

12. Support legislation and funding that would expand the role of Native American studies in public schools through the inclusion of Native American history as a core subject, the development of Native American textbooks, and an increase in educators who are Native American.

Justification: The teaching of U.S. history in schools has left out the voices of the original nations and peoples. This has perpetuated false narratives, as well as the erasure of Native American people including California Indians. These false narratives and erasure have impacted Native people in a variety of ways including various socio-economic and health disparities. This year our Nation and our County has faced a collective reckoning. The current civil unrest has awoken the consciousness of so many and urges us to stop perpetuating falsehoods and begin teaching the truth of our Nation even if that means at times it is painful and uncomfortable. In order to improve our future, we must acknowledge and learn from our past. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services; concurred by the Los Angeles County Office of Education)**

3.15 Elections and Voting

12. Support proposals to ensure that voter rights are maintained and/or restored for those whose rights have been unduly challenged.

Justification: The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) has recently identified challenges with identifying eligibility status of voters in relation to felony status. This policy would expand upon recent legislative efforts that sought to increase civic engagement and access to voting rights. The addition of this policy would allow the County to support future legislation and policies that eliminate complications that may occur in removing both administrative challenges and barriers to civic engagement. **(Recommend by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk)**

13. Support proposals for state funding to support the accelerated implementation of an expanded vote-by-mail voting model.

14. Support proposals that provide elections officials flexibility on the availability of in-person voting locations and the recruitment of poll workers in response to emergency orders.

Justification: Motion (Hahn and Kuehl) approved by the Board on April 28, 2020.

3.19 Small Business Development

13. Support proposals to provide funding for local agencies for a disaster assistance economic relief fund to mitigate the economic impact that disasters have on the business community.

Justification: The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs reports that it was evident at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic that local jurisdictions, including the County, did not have

the available financial resources to effectively mitigate the economic impact that our business community continues to suffer. Additionally, Federal assistance was not released in a timely manner and once released was not equitable and inclusive of so many of our small diverse businesses that needed it the most were left out. The addition of this policy would allow the County to support proposals that supplement or otherwise provide disaster assistance resources to small businesses. **(Recommendation by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs)**

4. HEALTH

4.3 Medi-Cal and Children's Health Care Coverage

7. Support proposals to expand the substance ~~abuse~~ use benefit for children and parents.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

19. Support proposals to include contingency management services as a Medi-Cal covered benefit for the treatment of substance use disorders (SUD).

Justification: According to the Department of Public Health (DPH), contingency management (CM) is a psychosocial therapy that offers positive reinforcement such as a voucher, prize, direct cash, or other incentives for treatment participation and/or participation. This therapy has been identified by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as an effective behavioral intervention for the treatment of methamphetamine use disorder (MUD), which is a prevalent and growing concern in Los Angeles County and California overall. Between 2008 and 2017, in Los Angeles County, meth-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits increased by 290 percent and 604 percent, respectively. Annual meth-related hospital spending increased by 438 percent and meth-related overdose deaths increased by 707 percent. Unlike for opioids and alcohol, there are currently no biomedical interventions for the treatment of MUD, and behavioral therapies remain the most effective approach for treatment of MUD; however, these therapies are not a covered Medi-Cal benefit. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

4.4 Health Insurance and Coverage

1. Support proposals to require public and private insurers to cover pre-existing conditions and offer comprehensive coverage for all health services, including prescription drug coverage; prenatal perinatal care, and maternity care and support; contraceptives; childhood, adolescent, and adult immunizations; screening for diabetes; hypertension; cervical and breast cancer; Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) treatment and biomedical interventions; Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) treatment; Sexually Transmitted Diseases; substance ~~abuse~~ use; mental health; and behavioral health treatment for persons with autism spectrum disorders.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

4.6 Public Health

2. Support proposals that protect the public's health and/or that preserve or increase funding for public health/environmental health activities including: chronic disease prevention (such as asthma, heart disease, cancer, obesity, and diabetes), acute and chronic communicable disease control, immunizations, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted disease control, veterinary public health and rabies control, public health laboratory, maternal and child health, family planning, childhood lead poisoning prevention, injury and violence prevention, food safety and nutrition, [climate adaptation](#), and emergency preparedness and response.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 2 (Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience), Strategy 2A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to integrate climate adaptation and resilience into planning, building, infrastructure, and community development decisions. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

8. Support legislation that preserves and enhances housing stock including measures that support safe home environments free from lead, mold, and other indoor environmental hazards [while preventing displacement](#).

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 3 (Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement), Strategy 3D of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to ensure that public investments do not facilitate displacement, particularly of disadvantaged communities. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

15. Support proposals that protect and improve the health of adolescents and young adults (12-24 years of age) through:
 - a. enhanced multidisciplinary collaborations among County departments, cities, and private agencies serving youth;
 - b. funding to enhance integration of services to adolescents, including physical and mental health, juvenile detention services, employment and training or community experiences to which the youth can be referred; and
 - c. training for adolescent service providers on youth development, youth resiliency, cultural competency, physical and mental health, youth violence prevention, nutrition and physical fitness, substance ~~abuse~~ [use](#), how and where to make referrals to appropriate services, and increase the number and effectiveness of referrals to appropriate services.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

22. Support proposals that increase the availability and marketing of healthy, local, sustainably-produced, and affordable foods and beverages by expanding access to and increasing the number of grocery stores, farmers' markets, ~~and~~ community gardens, and other healthy food outlets, especially in low-income communities, ~~and by increasing availability and promotion of healthy food options available at grocery stores, corner convenience stores, mobile food facilities, restaurants, and locations at or near schools.~~

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system), Strategy 10B of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to support the fair and sustainable production of food. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

28. Support and/or sponsor legislation that promotes:
- a. the reduction of salt content of packaged food products and restaurant foods;
 - b. increased affordability of fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically through financial incentives, subsidies and outreach to CalFresh recipients and retailer participation in health incentive programs;
 - c. the development of pricing strategies ~~that require vendors~~ to increase prices on unhealthy sugar-sweetened beverages and support improved access to healthy foods and beverages ~~to offset decreased prices in healthy beverages as well as strategies that reduce cost for foods high in protein and lean in fat, including fish and poultry~~;
 - d. reduced consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, including soda, sports drinks, and other sugar-sweetened beverages, and reduces youth access to these products; ~~and~~
 - e. adopt, implement, or strengthen food procurement policies to increase access to healthy and/or sustainably produced foods and beverages; and
 - f. plant-based eating patterns.

Justification: DPH reports that this change broadens the policy to support improved access to healthy food and beverages beyond foods high in protein and lean in fat. These recommendations are consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system), Strategies 10A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to improve access to healthy food and 10B of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to support the fair and sustainable production of food. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

45. Support proposals that would strengthen penalties for failure to meet mandatory State disease reporting requirements.

Justification: According to DPH, during the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been substantial delays in establishing and maintaining mandatory testing, disease, and death reporting to State and local public health officials. Accurate data is critical to directing public health investigations,

interventions, and ensuring critical resources and assistance are directed to individuals and facilities in need. Existing policies should be strengthened to assist mandatory reporters with understanding and meeting reporting requirements, and to provide authorities with tools to enforce failures to report complete, timely, and accurate information. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

46. Support proposals that would strengthen social services to individuals impacted by public health isolation or quarantine orders.

Justification: According to DPH, many individuals have been forced to continue working when they have been identified as a COVID-19 case or a contact of a case due to the extreme economic hardship it would bring upon themselves and their families. Strengthening the social safety net with new programs and additional resources would provide assistance to those most in need to enhance their ability to comply with isolation and quarantine orders, thereby preventing additional infections and protecting the public's health. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

47. Support proposals that provide equitable investments to eliminate health disparities among disproportionately burdened communities (e.g., people of color and low-income people) and address policies that perpetuate systemic racism that have endured historically racist practices (i.e., redlining, community disinvestment, and over-policing) and their impacts.

Justification: This policy is consistent with the motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas on July 21, 2020 to establish an antiracist policy agenda for Los Angeles County. According to DPH, racism is a matter of public health. It requires targeted efforts to identify and confront explicit institutional racist policies and practices that disproportionately impact people of color and low-income communities. This policy will support proposals for equitable investments to help eliminate the gap in health disparities in Los Angeles County. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

48. Support legislation and funding that expands the collection and reporting of racial, ethnic, and tribal data in population health datasets, and enforcement efforts to ensure compliance with these requirements.

Justification: Current standard data collection practices by many federal, state, and local entities effectively omit or misclassify populations including the American Indian, Alaska Native (AI/AN), Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander populations, both urban and rural. This is particularly concerning during the COVID-19 pandemic as these current standards of practice are resulting in an undercount of the impact COVID-19 has on specific populations, which results in flawed policy and funding response. Additionally, even when there are State mandates for data collection and reporting to ensure populations are represented, often there is a lack of enforcement. For example, while there has been legislation that requires the collection of sexual orientation and gender identify data, there was not a defined standard or enforcement of the new rule for the provider community to comply. It is critical that these incomplete, inaccurate, and unreliable standard data collection and analysis practices are addressed. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

49. Support proposals that increase availability, affordability, and promotion of healthy and sustainably produced food options available at grocery stores, convenience stores, mobile food facilities, restaurants, and other food outlets, especially those at or near schools.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system), Strategy 10B of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to support the fair and sustainable production of food. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

50. *Support proposals that promote landlord compliance with health and safety regulations for housing and fund or otherwise enable the collection and tracking of data on housing maintenance practices and landlord business affiliations.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1A to minimize the exposure of vulnerable populations to pollution and reduce health disparities. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

4.7 ~~Alcohol and Drug~~ Substance Use

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

1. Support proposals to increase funding for ~~alcohol and drug~~ substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery services that provide local flexibility and discretion based on the local planning process.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

2. Support proposals for increased funding from Medi-Cal and other funding sources to enhance the ~~alcohol and drug~~ substance use services system of care, including youth in the juvenile justice system and youth transitioning out of foster care, to address the growing problems associated with adolescent ~~alcohol and drug~~ substance use.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

3. Oppose measures that reduce the availability and accessibility of ~~alcohol and drug~~ substance use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services for individuals engaging in substance use ~~abuse~~.

Justification: These changes updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

4. Support proposals that provide funding for health, mental health, homeless assistance, child welfare services, social services, as well as adult and juvenile criminal justice

programs that provide or make accessible substance ~~use~~ ~~abuse~~ prevention, treatment, and recovery services as part of its continuum of services.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

5. Support proposals that promote environmental approaches to reducing ~~alcohol and drug~~ substance use problems in the community, e.g., expanding local authority to enforce local zoning ordinances related to alcohol outlets and increasing funding to expand/enhance community-based coalitions to help residents prevent/reduce local ~~alcohol and drug~~ substance use problems.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

8. Support proposals that provide permanent and stable funding, and integrated approaches, including outreach and enrollment, for the early identification and diversion of high-risk/high-cost patients who are dually-diagnosed with mental health and ~~substance abuse disorders~~ SUD or other multiple symptoms/problems that effectively addresses substance ~~use abuse~~, mental health, housing, and related matters.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

11. Support legislation that establishes a single State professional licensure process for ~~alcohol and drug~~ SUD counselors administered by a single State professional behavioral health regulatory body.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

15. Support delivery system, program, and payment reform proposals that ~~facilitate the successful implementation of the DMC Organized Delivery System Waiver~~ increase the treatment system's capacity to improve access to SUD ~~substance use disorder~~ treatment services.

Justification: The DMC Organized Delivery System (ODS) Waiver, a pilot program under California's current Medicaid Section 1115 waiver, will run through 2020. The State is currently seeking a one-year extension of the current waiver and plans to submit a proposal for new waivers later in 2021. This revision broadens the need to support reforms that improve the County's capacity to improve access to SUD treatment services beyond just the DMC ODS Waiver. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

16. Support proposals to develop recommendations for best practices, protocols, and other policies to enforce driving under the influence of ~~drugs~~ substances, including prescription drugs.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

17. Support proposals that increase access to Food and Drug Administration-approved medication-assisted treatments by clinical providers (i.e., physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants for ~~substance abuse disorder~~ [SUD](#) treatments.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

4.8 Health Education and Training

10. Support proposals that establish funding for workforce development and infrastructure for mental health care and ~~substance abuse~~ [SUD treatment](#) providers.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

4.11 Health Care Delivery System

- [6. Support proposals to implement and fund telehealth programs for the delivery of medical, mental health, and SUD care and services.](#)

Justification: Motion (Barger and Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020. As a result of COVID-19, health care systems have had to quickly adapt to new ways of delivering services, including the rapid expansion of the use of telehealth visits in lieu of in-person care. This policy would allow the County to advocate for proposals to implement and fund telehealth programs as an effective long-term solution for the delivery of care to medically underserved communities. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division; concurred by the Departments of Public Health, Health Services, and Mental Health)**

- [7. Oppose measures that restrict the autonomy and flexibility of public hospitals and clinics to affiliate, acquire, or change control or governance of facilities.](#)

Justification: According to the Department of Health Services (DHS), the common governance structure for public hospitals is composed of direct local control. In the County, control of the County's four public hospitals and Ambulatory Care Network is provided by the Board of Supervisors, which is responsible for approving affiliation agreements and budget allocations. Moving away from a local control model of governance to a model where the State government dictates local control will not necessarily improve a health system's nimbleness but could potentially cause unnecessary delays in a hospital system's ability to adapt to the community needs and provide care to underserved populations. In 2020, SB 977 (Monning) would have required health systems to seek approval from the State Attorney General prior to a change in control or an acquisition. The measure did not receive a vote in the Assembly. **(Recommended by the Department of Health Services; concurred by County Counsel)**

- [8. Support proposals to support the safe and sustained operations of skilled nursing facilities and other licensed congregate health care facilities, including long-term care, assisted living, board and cares, and mental health rehabilitation centers, during public health emergencies and natural disasters.](#)

Justification: Motion (Ridley-Thomas and Solis) approved by the Board on April 28, 2020.

9. Support funding proposals for the County's reuse initiatives at the LAC + USC Medical Center Campus, including for the Restorative Care Village and for the adaptive reuse of the General Hospital building.

Justification: Motion (Solis) approved by the Board on October 27, 2020.

5. MENTAL HEALTH

14. Support ~~legislation~~ proposals to fully fund a complete continuum of mental health services, facility placements or housing options, and define a transition and linkage process for parolees ~~released to the community~~, including for example, those on nonrevocable parole status, ~~and those on~~ Post-Release Community Supervision established by the 2011 Public Safety Realignment, and State-supervised parolees.

Justification: According to the Department of Mental Health (DMH), State legislative actions over the last several years and the impact of Proposition 47, which reclassified certain offenses from felonies to misdemeanors, has resulted in a higher demand of county behavioral health services that have not been adequately matched with State funding. Care for State-supervised parolees is the responsibility of counties when they need a higher level of care beyond outpatient care, and past budget proposals have removed Behavioral Health Reintegration (BHR) clinics (formerly Parole Outpatient Clinics (POC)). **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health)**

23. Support proposals ~~legislation to extend the sunset date of Laura's Law, that enable individuals with serious mental illness to receive treatment in the community,~~ including with amendments to ~~facilitate implementation of~~ the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.

Justification: According to DMH, it continues to explore models to connect people to services in the most effective means. The Board-approved motion (Barger and Ridley-Thomas) on June 23, 2020 on the DMH Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement Team pilot is an example of support for exploring additional models. This proposed revision allows for flexibility to support additional models beyond the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program under Laura's Law. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health)**

- ~~27. Support proposals that eliminate the barriers to stabilize and expand the Adult Residential Facility network, and support proposals to increase funding to increase the availability of Adult Residential Facilities.~~

Justification: Recommend moving this policy to revised 5.1 Residential Care Facilities subsection to better group policies related to residential care facilities. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health)**

30. Support proposals that would allow the utilization of County land and changes in statute and regulations to ~~develop~~ establish restorative care programs villages that include ~~crisis residential~~ treatment programs funded by the State.

Justification: This technical change updates the policy to reflect the County-sponsored AB 2025 (Gipson) that would have established restorative care programs in statute to include services beyond crisis residential treatment. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health)**

33. *Support proposals that protect and preserve Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding for county behavioral health systems and oppose proposals that divert MHSA funds for other activities.*

Justification: There have been numerous legislative proposals to divert this critical behavioral health funding away from the MHSA's core values. The MHSA, as well as other core mental health funding sources such as Realignment, are projected to decline due to COVID-19 economic impacts on tax revenue. At the same time, the demand for mental health services will increase. MHSA pays for a wide range of mental health services from prevention to early intervention, including services that are not eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement and co-occurring substance use services, and contributes to the non-Federal share of Medi-Cal-eligible services. It is also eligible for housing options for those with mental illness with housing needs. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health; concurred by the Departments of Public Health and Health Services)**

34. *Support proposals to preserve, backfill, and expand the 1991 and 2011 Realignment funding for county behavioral health.*

Justification: According to DMH, it will experience a decline of revenue for mental health services as a result of the economic impact of COVID-19, including revenue from 1991 and 2011 Realignment funding. The State Legislative Agenda does not have policy specific to protecting this critical funding for county behavioral health services. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health)**

5.1 Residential Care Facilities Facility Safety

Justification: This revision broadens the focus on this subsection on policies related to residential care facilities beyond just safety, including policies to stabilize the board and care network. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division; concurred by the Department of Mental Health)**

1. Support proposals ~~legislation~~ to establish adequate and equitable care and supervision payment rates for ~~private~~, residential care facilities that serve persons with psychiatric disabilities, including proposals to make residential facilities such as Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE), a State or Federal benefit or entitlement.

Justification: This policy is consistent with Board motions by Supervisors Hahn and Kuehl to develop a plan to stabilize and grow the existing ARF network and to advocate for State investment in ARFs and RCFEs. The proposed revision would allow for flexibility to advocate for other promising State solutions and models such as the use of Home and Community Based Services waivers to leverage Federal Medicaid funding as other states have done. This year, the California Department of Health Care Services and the California Department of Aging announced a process for developing a potential new "Long-Term Care at Home" benefit in Medi-Cal. However, this discussion was put on hold, and there could be opportunities in the future to advocate for an additional benefit. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health)**

5. Support proposals that eliminate the barriers to stabilize and expand the ARF and RCFE network, and support proposals to increase funding to increase the ir availability ~~of Adult Residential Facilities.~~

Justification: This policy is consistent with Board motions by Supervisors Hahn and Kuehl to develop a plan to stabilize and grow the existing ARF network and to advocate for State investment in ARFs and RCFEs. This proposed revision moves this policy from Section 5 to the new subheading 5.1. Residential Care Facilities and adds RCFEs to more accurately represent the types of facilities that are consider board and care facilities, which provide licensed, 24-hour/day staffed residences with support for individuals who are unable to live independently and require care and supervision. **(Recommended by the Department of Mental Health)**

6. HOUSING, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Support proposals that provide incentives to local governments and/or developers to increase and protect affordable housing and mixed-income housing, and that provide flexibility for counties to promote a diversity of affordable housing types through local policies.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1C of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to increase housing affordability. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Chief Executive Office Economic - Development and Affordable Housing Division)**

2. Oppose legislation which would require local governments to streamline approvals of proposed housing development projects by eliminating entitlement and environmental reviews or that imposes one size fits all solutions to preserving and creating new affordable housing, in particular, prescribed development standards and densities/intensities, or which would result in significant displacement of existing low- and moderate-income residents or a net loss of existing affordable housing units.

Justification: The revision to this policy would allow the County to oppose legislation that would impose one-size fits all development standards and densities prescribed on all local jurisdictions throughout the State. **(Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning)**

3. Support proposals that increase home ownership opportunities for low-, ~~and moderate-income~~, and middle-income families, and employees in vital occupations.
4. Support proposals to provide additional resources for meeting the capital and operational costs of housing production and related supportive service needs of low- and moderate-income families and of special populations, including homeless, elderly, disabled and mentally ill persons, and transitional age youth.

Justification: These technical amendments update policy references for "middle-income" families and "transitional age youth" to be consistent with the County's housing policies and programs. **(Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning)**

6. Support proposals which would stimulate the local economy by accelerating or increasing spending on public works and infrastructure projects, especially those which would improve public health and public safety, mitigate hazards, including climate hazards, reduce ~~energy usage~~ greenhouse gas emissions, or improve transportation.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses, and supports the transition to a green economy), Strategy 4A to promote inclusive growth across the changing economy. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

~~9. Oppose legislation that would reduce or eliminate the transfer of the City of Industry Tax Increment Housing Set-Aside funds to the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles or reduce authority and use over such funds.~~

Justification: The State's redevelopment program was eliminated in 2012. Since then, the Legislature and the courts have ended the City of Industry arrangement entirely. As such, this policy is no longer needed. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles Community Development Authority)**

17. Support legislation that continues the requirement for landlords to provide tenants that are on assisted programs with at least 90-day notice to move in order to allow sufficient time to complete the process.

Justification: As of July 1, 2020, the Los Angeles Community Development Authority changed its voucher extension policy to allow for voucher extensions up to 365 days. The policy change was in response to the COVID-19 challenges facing renters and the County's efforts to combat homelessness. The proposed change would allow the County to support legislation that would ensure notice requirements are not reduced. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles Community Development Authority)**

26. Support proposals that would stimulate economic development and regional job growth, increase small business creation, and generate well-paying jobs for workers of all skill levels, ~~including~~ particularly those in high poverty and high unemployment areas.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent the overall commitment to equity expressed throughout the OurCounty plan (see section titled "What do we mean by Equity"). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

27. Support research and development in high-growth and emerging industries, including, but not limited to, life sciences, arts, culture, entertainment/sports, film and digital media, rail/bus manufacturing, other advanced transportation manufacturing and maintenance, and green chemistry/clean manufacturing, and support proposals which would facilitate job training and educational opportunities that will train a workforce capable of supporting those industries.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses, and supports the transition to a green economy), Strategy 4A to promote inclusive growth across the changing economy. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives,

instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

~~32. Support legislation to authorize the Los Angeles Community Development Authority to expand its housing advisory committee to eleven members, thereby allowing each of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to appoint a tenant member.~~

Justification: SB 1030 (Chapter 165, Statutes of 2020) contained a County-sponsored provision which will allow the County to expand its housing advisory committee to 11 members. Therefore, this policy is no longer necessary. SB 1030 goes into effect on January 1, 2021.

34. Support proposals that would spur economic growth and promote economic recovery after declared emergencies or disasters.

Justification: Motion (Barger and Solis) approved by the Board on April 28, 2020.

35. Support proposals, such as rental, mortgage, or legal assistance, that would aid in preventing evictions and foreclosures of residential tenants, small landlords, and small businesses.

Justification: Motion (Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl) approved by the Board on June 23, 2020.

36. Support or sponsor proposals which would extend the duration of affordability covenants for housing developments that receive public subsidies, or which would, in cases where funding programs have different requirements, give precedence to the affordability covenant term that is longer.

Justification: Motion (Kuehl) approved by the Board on August 4, 2020.

37. Oppose legislation that would increase housing density in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

Justification: Motion (Kuehl), as amended (Barger), approved by the Board on October 13, 2020.

38. Support proposals to promote the development and growth of community land trusts, housing cooperatives, and other models for the provision of permanently affordable rental and ownership housing.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to a green economy), Strategy 4B to Support wealth-generating activities in disinvested neighborhoods. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. This is also consistent with a motion (Solis) approved by the Board on September 29, 2020. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

39. *Support proposals to promote the use of public and private land for urban and peri-urban agriculture.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 10 (A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food), Strategy 10A of the County's "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan to increase access to healthy food. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. This recommendation is also consistent with a motion (Ridley-Thomas) approved by the Board on September 22, 2015, to establish an urban agriculture incentive zone countywide. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Regional Planning)**

40. *Support or sponsor proposals to define Deeply Low Income in State housing law as 15 percent Area Median Income or lower.*

Justification: Motion (Solis) approved by the Board on November 10, 2020.

7. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

7.1 General

5. Support legislation to provide funding for ~~crime—prevention/intervention—and enforcement~~ direct community investment to support safety, health, and economic self-sufficiency in public housing communities.

Justification: Considering the Board's recent motion to "Re-imagine LA County" and to shift budget priorities away from law enforcement interventions, policies that support funding for community investment and alternatives to policing and incarceration would align more with the current trends. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles Community Development Authority; concurred by the Public Defender)**

26. *Support legislation that would facilitate the sharing of unlawful detainer data between local court systems and agencies that provide eviction prevention and defense services to tenants and individuals at-risk of homelessness.*

Justification: The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs reports, that difficulty in obtaining reliable unlawful detainer data from local court systems becomes a barrier to anticipating and responding to the needs of tenants in need of eviction prevention and defense services. The addition of this policy would allow the County to support proposals that increase access to local eviction court data, which would help the County and other agencies to reduce inflows into homelessness and help stabilize communities. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs; concurred by the Los Angeles County Development Authority and the Chief Executive Office - Economic Development and Affordable Housing Division)**

27. *Support legislative and funding proposals that aim to reduce rates of missing and murdered women of color, indigenous women and transgender women, including by improving collaboration between State and local law enforcement agencies.*

Justification: According to a 2017 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study, homicide is one of the leading causes of death for women aged 44 years and under, and Black and American Indian/Alaska Native women experienced the highest rates of homicide in the U.S. The National Crime Information Center reports that, in 2016, there were 5,712 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, though the U.S. Department of Justice's national missing persons database, NamUs, only logged 116 cases. The lack of coordination between law enforcement agencies exacerbates this crisis. In addition, the Human Rights Campaign reports an increasing number of transgender homicides, the majority of which were Black and Latinx transgender women. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services and Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division)**

28. *Support legislation and funding that seeks to reduce the disproportionate impact of juvenile and adult incarceration on people of color.*

Justification: The 2010 Census data revealed that Native populations are overrepresented in the criminal justice system. An analysis conducted by the Prison Policy Initiative of prisons and jails, found that in 2010 there were a total of 37,854 American Indian/Alaskan Natives in adult correctional facilities, including 32,524 men and 5,132 women (and 198 who were 17 or younger). This is equivalent to a total incarceration rate of 1,291 per 100,000 people, more than double that of white Americans (510 per 100,000). In states with large Native populations, such as California, American Indian/Alaskan Native incarceration rates can be up to seven times that of whites. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services)**

29. *Support proposals that eliminate criminal system administrative fines and fees imposed by the State and provide adequate alternative resources to cover any potential revenue losses, including to local jurisdictions.*

Justification: Motion (Solis and Kuehl) approved, as revised, by the Board on February 18, 2020. While AB 1869 (Chapter 92, Statutes of 2020) eliminated a substantial portion of criminal system administrative fees and included \$65.0 million in backfill for counties, adding this policy would allow the County to support the elimination of any remaining criminal fines and fees in the future.

7.2 Pretrial Recidivism Reduction, and Diversion Programs

18. Support proposals that promote and provide funding for arts-based programming, *alternatives to incarceration*, and services for justice-involved individuals and communities at risk of becoming justice involved.

Justification: The Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) recommends the addition of "alternatives to incarceration" given the Board's focus on the matter. **(Recommended by the Department of Arts and Culture)**

19. *Support proposals that would streamline Proposition 64 dismissals and sealing by providing a mandatory time within which an application must be processed and decided; and require that dismissal orders include critically relevant existing statutory language for orders granting or denying relief.*

Justification: Proposition 64 of 2016 authorized resentencing of prior cannabis convictions. The Office of the Public Defender (PD) reports that time is critical for certain applicants of Proposition

64 post-conviction relief, including non-citizens who remain detained subject to deportation until a court grants relief. In addition, PD notes that even when Proposition 64 relief is granted, there has been confusion or resistance to the form that the order of dismissal should take; therefore, precise language in California statutes must be incorporated in the orders of dismissal in order for them to be given force in immigration proceedings. Legislation that requires this language on all court orders would ensure that non-citizens get the benefit of the initiative so that they and their families do not suffer devastating immigration consequences because of cannabis convictions that California no longer deems criminal. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by the Office of the Alternate Public Defender)**

7.5 Juvenile Justice

19. Support proposals that would enhance the County's efforts to restructure its juvenile justice system in order to shift away from a punitive paradigm towards a rehabilitative, health-focused and care-first system that further reduces the County's reliance on incarceration.

Justification: Related to: 1) *Restructuring the Juvenile Justice System: Building a Health-Focused Model* Motion (Ridley-Thomas & Kuehl) approved by the Board on August 13, 2019; 2) *Preparing Los Angeles County for the Closure of the State's Division of Juvenile Justice* Motion (Ridley-Thomas & Kuehl) approved by the Board on May 26, 2020; and 3) *Maintaining the Decreased Population of Incarcerated Youth in Los Angeles County* Motion (Solis & Ridley-Thomas) approved by the Board on June 9, 2020.

20. Support measures that would ensure that indigent children and youth that rely on public health care services are not disadvantaged, but instead have the same protections and privileges as that of persons who receive private health care services.

Justification: PD indicates that current statutes allow limited sharing of confidential medical information for continuity of care and treatment. According to PD, in practice, medical and mental health information of youth receiving public services is being disseminated beyond persons authorized for coordinating the treatment and care, and sensitive health information is being included in reports that are available to persons not responsible for the youth's treatment. Children that receive services from private health care providers are not subject to this same degree of disclosure, and are able to limit the amount of personal health care information that is disclosed to prosecutors and others that have access to a youth's court file. PD notes that the juvenile justice system should provide equal treatment and protect the dignity of each child, regardless of their economic status. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by the Office of the Alternate Public Defender and the Office of the District Attorney)**

7.9 Fire

18. Support proposals to improve the prevention of wildfires, including, but not limited to, the hardening of homes ~~and expansion~~ and the enforcement of defensible space programs.

Justification: This revision would allow the County to support legislative proposals that strengthen fire prevention planning and practices balanced with minimizing impacts to biological resources and habitat areas. Even with expanded defensible space, the strong winds that carry through areas subject to wildfires could still catch structures on fire if the construction materials are not fire-resistant. The result is the loss of considerable habitat area to create expanded defensible space for a house that would still catch on fire because it was not hardened. In

response to the devastation caused by the Woolsey Fire (November 2018), policy changes are needed to strengthen rather than weaken, fire prevention planning and practices, and to balance property interests with the need to minimize impacts to biological resources and habitat areas. **(Recommended by the Department of Regional Planning; concurred by the Fire Department)**

21. Support proposals that would enhance the County's Fire Camp program, including by: 1) establishing eligibility in the State's Ventura Training Center reentry program for people sentenced under AB 109 in Los Angeles County who participated in the Fire Camp program while incarcerated; 2) advocating for funding from the State to ensure that the Fire Department is fully compensated for their work with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Fire Camp Program; 3) advocating for funding to start a local reentry fire program; and 4) advocating for other resources, funding, and access as needed.

Justification: Motion (Kuehl & Solis) approved by the Board on September 29, 2020.

7.10 Animal Care and Control

9. Support or sponsor proposals that establish minimum statewide training standards; ~~for animal control officers,~~ increase the availability of training; and enhance the quality of training for animal control and humane officers through efforts that include shifting the oversight of training requirements to the California Animal Welfare Association (CalAnimals) or other qualified organizations/authorities.

Justification: According to the Department of Animal Care and Control, this policy is needed to increase the availability and quality of training for animal control and humane officers. Also, by shifting the oversight of training to the association or a similarly qualified organization, this policy would facilitate professional, quality training that is currently difficult to obtain, but needed to reduce the improper use of force by officers. For example, for an animal control or humane officer to legally carry a baton — which is often the primary defensive tool that s/he can possess since most do not carry firearms — a course of instruction certified by the State Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) must be completed. However, these classes are extremely rare and the Department reports that it has not been able to locate a certified class for the past several years, preventing officers from being able to carry a baton and thereby depriving them of a primary defensive tool against dangerous dogs. Other agencies may allow officers to carry batons without the proper instruction, which can lead to improper or excessive uses of force. Shifting the regulatory oversight of training to an entity qualified in monitoring and providing services to animal control and humane officers, will increase access to critical training and help ensure that more officers can legally and responsibly utilize defensive tools without resorting to excessive use of force. **(Recommended by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

7.11 Trial Court Funding

Justification: Update subsection name to allow for more policies related to trial courts. **(Recommended by Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division)**

5. Support measures and funding for the creation and expansion of collaborative courts, such as mental health courts, housing courts, drug courts and/or courts addressing the needs of persons with co-occurring disorders.

Justification: PD and Alternate Public Defender (APD) have been tasked by the Board of Supervisors with building internal capacity to serve clients in unlawful detainer cases that are also undergoing criminal court proceedings to complement and support the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' Expanded Eviction Defense Program. Encouraging the creation and funding of housing related collaborative courts may serve to facilitate collaboration among entities providing supportive and wraparound services to these types of clients and to enhance service delivery efforts. **(Recommendation by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs; concurred by the Public Defender and the Alternate Public Defender)**

7. Support legislation that would create more diverse and more demographically representative juries.

Justification: PD reports that the right to trial by a jury of peers from a fair cross-section of their community is one of the most vital constitutional rights. Current law reduces race equity and socioeconomic inclusion of prospective jury pool candidates by limiting statutorily designated source lists to registered voters and DMV licensed drivers or identification cardholders. PD notes that studies show that this method excludes thousands of racial and ethnic minorities, as well as lower-income residents from the pool of eligible candidates, and therefore, eliminates them from jury service altogether. Broadening the source lists of prospective jurors, as well as promoting law and policy that ensures minority jurors are not discouraged, excluded, or barred from jury service would help make the criminal justice system become fairer, and less racially and socioeconomically biased. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by the Office of the Alternate Public Defender and the Office of the District Attorney)**

8. Support legislation that would mandate anonymized demographic-based data collection on the race, gender, and ethnicity of jury pools and those selected for jury duty.

Justification: PD reports that current law does not require the Jury Commissioner to collect or report juror race- gender- and ethnicity-based data. PD indicates that without verifiable statistics, proof that a jury pool does not reflect a fair cross-section of the population is unobtainable, even when minorities are disproportionately and systematically underrepresented. Mandated anonymized data collection is a necessary tool to identify systemic failings in a neutral manner and repair public trust in the constitutional mandate for a jury of our peers. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by the Office of the Alternate Public Defender)**

9. Support legislation that would adequately compensate jury service for low-income workers and address the financial inequity of jury duty.

Justification: PD reports that current law provides for \$15 daily payment for jury duty starting on the second day of service, an insignificant amount that creates a financial hardship for lower-income workers to fulfill their obligation for jury duty. PD further notes that excusing these prospective jurors disproportionately excludes people of color and silences their voices from being heard in jury panels and in courtrooms. Legislation that creates financial incentives for jury service helps build more equitable participation in the criminal justice system. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by the Office of the Alternate Public Defender and the Office of the District Attorney)**

10. Support legislation that would bring California's charging nomenclature in line with that used by other States.

Justification: PD reports that California's style of captioning criminal actions, enacted in 1872, prosecutes in the name of "The People of the State of California", rather than simply the "State",

the approach taken by most states. PD notes that prosecuting in the name of “The People” creates a false dichotomy between the public and the accused individual. To posit that the public is somehow involved in a decision made by law enforcement to prosecute an individual improperly creates the perception that the public sits one side of the scales of justice. Recognizing that it is individual prosecutors, and not the community as a whole, that file criminal charges would restore balance in courtrooms. Finally, PD indicates that an anti-racist criminal justice system recognizes that the public is affected by all facets, and describing criminal prosecutions as done on their behalf is a dated practice that must be retired to protect the presumption of innocence and ensure justice for all. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by the Office of the Alternate Public Defender)**

11. *Support measures that would limit Federal immigration enforcement activity in or near courthouses.*

Justification: PD reports that Federal immigration agents have conducted enforcement in Los Angeles County courthouses and in the nearby areas. PD notes that these arrests or attempted arrests chill access to the courts and impair the administration of justice. Persons forgo an essential judicial service, such as a restraining order, out of fear of questioning or arrest. Witnesses and victims decline to appear in court. Finally, PD reports that individuals with criminal cases, including minor ones within the protection of SB 54 of 2019, become subject to harsh immigration consequences, contrary to the values of proportionate and equitable justice of the County and State. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by the Office of the Alternate Public Defender and the Office of the District Attorney)**

7.14 Disaster Preparedness and Assistance

Justification: *The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs is recommending this header revision to capture policies related to disaster assistance and recovery. (Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs)*

15. *Support proposals that would connect small businesses with disaster assistance resources and programs.*

Justification: DCBA reports that at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic local jurisdictions did not have financial resources or services readily available to effectively mitigate the economic impact to our small business community. Federal assistance was not released timely and once made available was not equitable and inclusive of so many of our small diverse businesses. Additionally, the Governor’s eviction moratorium (Executive Orders N-37-20, N-71-20, N-66-20, and N-80-20) is a temporary solution and commercial tenants who are already at risk of going under will need to identify a means to repay owed rent or face eviction. DCBA indicates that small commercial tenants also face difficulties when negotiating leases, repayment plans, or responding to unlawful detainers. The addition of these policies would allow the County to support proposals that would provide needed disaster assistance resources to small businesses, including but not limited to technical assistance, pro bono legal representation; emergency funding/economic relief and allow flexibility on the allowable use of the funds to maximize mitigation of the economic impact that disasters have on our business community. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs; concurred by the Los Angeles County Development Authority and the Chief Executive Office - Economic Development and Affordable Housing Division)**

16. *Support proposals that promote community resilience, such as through the creation of social networks and business readiness plans that support neighborhood-level sufficiency.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1F to develop community capacity to respond to emergencies. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office)**

7.16 Law Enforcement Reforms

Justification: New subsection created to allow for new County policy reform policies. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division)**

1. Support legislation that would prohibit the use of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical weapons by any law enforcement agency to disperse an assembly protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; except under very limited circumstances that would require designated personnel assigned to video record use of such weapons and subject official recordings to the California Public Records Act and any use-of -force investigations.

Justification: The Office of the Inspector General (the Office of the Inspector General) reports that often, law enforcement records these events either through a handheld camera or body worn cameras; however, there is no requirement to video record when law enforcement agencies use projectiles or chemical agents to disperse demonstrators. This recommendation is also consistent with the *Alignment of Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors' "Care First, Jail Last" and Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Priorities with Legislative Policies* Motion (Solis & Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020. **(Recommended by Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division and the Office of the Inspector General)**

2. Support legislation that would expand eligibility for compensation under the Victims Compensation Program for injuries or death caused by use of force by a police officer and define "crime" to include the use of excessive force by a peace officer, regardless of whether the peace officer is charged.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the *Alignment of Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors' "Care First, Jail Last" and Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Priorities with Legislative Policies* Motion (Solis & Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division)**

3. Support legislation that would require law enforcement agencies to require officers to immediately report potential excessive force and intercede when present and observing an officer using excessive force; as well as to require all officers to attend evidence-based bystander training.

Justification: The County's Civilian Oversight Commission (the Civilian Oversight Commission) reports that this policy aligns with the Police Reform Recommendations approved by the Commission on July 30, 2020. The Office of the Inspector General reports that the public is best served and law enforcement agencies most successful, when law enforcement agencies adopt evidence-based policies that are taught through evidence-based training. Georgetown Law

School's Innovative Policing Program has created the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Project to prepare officers to successfully intervene to prevent harm and to create a law enforcement culture that supports peer intervention. The Office of the Inspector General recommends that the ABLE program be incorporated into the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requirements. This recommendation is also consistent with the *Alignment of Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors' "Care First, Jail Last" and Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Priorities with Legislative Policies* Motion (Solis & Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division, and the Office of the Inspector General; concurred by the County's Civilian Oversight Commission)**

4. Support legislation that would require municipalities to annually post on their website information relating to use of force settlements and judgments.

Justification: *Alignment of Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors' "Care First, Jail Last" and Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Priorities with Legislative Policies* Motion (Solis & Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020. The Civilian Oversight Commission reports that this policy aligns with the Police Reform Recommendations approved by the Commission on July 30, 2020. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division; concurred by the Civilian Oversight Commission and the Office of the Inspector General)**

5. Support legislation that would authorize a person to bring a civil action against any responsible party who, motivated by the person's protected status, knowingly causes a peace officer to arrive at a location to contact the person with the intent to, among other things, infringe upon the person's rights.

Justification: *Alignment of Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors' "Care First, Jail Last" and Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Priorities with Legislative Policies* Motion (Solis & Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division; concurred by the Office of the Inspector General)**

6. Support legislation that would require a law enforcement agency or oversight agency to complete investigations into allegations of the use of force, sexual assault, discharge of a firearm, or dishonesty relating to the investigation of a crime or misconduct by another peace officer or custodial officer, despite the peace officer's or custodial officer's voluntary separation from the employing agency.

Justification: *Alignment of Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors' "Care First, Jail Last" and Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Priorities with Legislative Policies* Motion (Solis & Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020. The County's Civilian Oversight Commission (the Civilian Oversight Commission) reports that this policy aligns with its Police Reform Recommendations approved by the Commission on July 30, 2020. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division; concurred by the Civilian Oversight Commission and the Office of the Inspector General)**

7. Support legislation that would create a statewide process to automatically revoke the certification of a peace officer following the conviction of certain serious crimes or termination of employment due to specified misconduct.

Justification: *Alignment of Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors' "Care First, Jail Last" and Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Priorities with Legislative Policies* Motion

(Solis & Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020. The County's Civilian Oversight Commission (the Civilian Oversight Commission) reports that this policy aligns with its Police Reform Recommendations approved by the Commission on July 30, 2020. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division; concurred by the Civilian Oversight Commission and the Office of the Inspector General)**

8. Support legislation that would expand the categories of personnel records of peace officers and custodial officers that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Justification: *Alignment of Los Angeles County's Board of Supervisors' "Care First, Jail Last" and Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Priorities with Legislative Policies* Motion (Solis & Kuehl) approved by the Board on September 1, 2020. The County's Civilian Oversight Commission (the Civilian Oversight Commission) reports that this policy aligns with its Police Reform Recommendations approved by the Commission on July 30, 2020. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division; concurred by the Civilian Oversight Commission)**

9. Support legislation that would expand judicial review of a criminal judgment when material police misconduct information is discovered after a defendant is no longer in custody.

Justification: The Public Defender reports that SB 1421 (Chapter 111, Statutes of 2019) made certain previously confidential police misconduct records relating to dishonesty public information. In August of 2019, the California Supreme Court in *ALADS v. Superior Court (2019) 8 Cal.5th 28* reiterated the rule that prosecutors and law enforcement were part of a prosecution team that were both required to provide the defense with police misconduct information relevant to impeachment. Despite the increase in transparency and the clarification of the prosecution's constitutional obligations, there is no current statute which specifically permits a defendant who was not provided with relevant and material police misconduct information prior to a conviction a legal pathway to seek judicial review and reconsideration of their conviction after their release from custody. **(Recommended by the Office of the Public Defender; concurred by the Office of the Alternate Public Defender)**

10. Support legislation that regulates the communication and canteen charges and contracts in jails to relieve undue financial stress for inmates and their families, while ensuring that counties receive backfill funding to mitigate any potential losses to inmate education programs and related costs.

Justification: The County's Civilian Oversight Commission notes that while SB 555, related to negotiating telephone and store costs at lowest prices, was vetoed by the Governor, he committed to working with the Legislature and stakeholders to address this issue in the next legislative session in a manner that mitigates impacts on programming. The Civilian Oversight Commission and the Office of the Inspector General both report that current telephone and store charges are excessive and cause undue to stress families of inmates. **(Recommended by Civilian Oversight Commission; concurred by the Office of the Inspector General)**

11. Support legislation that would allow authorized members of the press to lawfully enter areas that have been closed by law enforcement due to a public demonstration and prohibits officers from citing members of the press or from intentionally assaulting, interfering with, or obstructing a representative who is gathering for communication to the public.

Justification: The Office of the Inspector General reports that as recent news has demonstrated, throughout protests across the nation, media access is sometimes inhibited, or even prohibited, by law enforcement agencies through threats, intimidation and even force. The Office of the Inspector General indicates that oftentimes, reporters on the ground are the public's only or main source of information as to issues of concerns across communities. This policy would allow the County to support legislation that enhances access to reporters and transparency on law enforcement action. **(Recommended by Office of the Inspector General)**

8. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT/MANDATE RELIEF

15. *Support legislation that would reform the State mandate reimbursement process for SB 90 claims to create a more efficient and timely process.*

Justification: The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk indicates that as the State has sought to increase the number of mandated programs with a goal of expanding access to voting and creating a more flexible voting experience, these actions have increased the financial burden placed on counties and elections administrators. The addition of this policy would allow the County to support legislation that would reform the State reimbursement process to create a more efficient and timely process which will, in turn, support counties' efforts to comply with State law and create a voting experience that is as accessible and robust as possible. **(Recommended by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk; concurred by the Auditor-Controller)**

9. REVENUE AND TAXATION

33. *Support proposals that would establish a no-return tax program to allow non-filing eligible families to receive the California Earned Income Tax Credit (Cal EITC).*

Justification: According to DCBA, the Cal EITC is one of California's most successful anti-poverty programs. In order to receive the refundable EITC credit, individuals must file a tax return. However, because many households fall below the threshold that requires them to file a tax return, they miss the opportunity to claim the credit. Although investments have been made in education and outreach, eligible families continue to leave credit funds unclaimed. A no-return tax program means that an eligible family would not have to file a tax return in order to receive the Cal EITC, but rather the Franchise Tax Board would automatically send the credit to every eligible family, thereby removing the administrative burden from the non-filers. DCBA reports that many of California's economically fragile households do not receive the credits for which they are eligible. In fact, an estimated one in five eligible California households does not receive the credit – leaving about \$2 billion in unclaimed state and federal credits each year. The addition of this policy would allow the County to support EITC proposals which provide hard-working families needed economic support as efficiently and rapidly as possible. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs)**

34. *Support proposals that expand the application of the California False Claims Act to cases of tax fraud, enable the Attorney General of California to prosecute cases of tax fraud, and provide protections for whistleblowers who reveal cases of tax fraud by their employers.*

Justification: Motion (Ridley-Thomas) approved by the Board on June 9, 2020.

10. SOCIAL SERVICES

10.1 Reforming the Safety Net and Promoting Self-Sufficiency

9. Support efforts that lift the cap on State CalFresh Employment and Training (E&T) funding **and**; require the State to fully fund the non-Federal match; [and expand the Subsidized Employment Program in the CalFresh program.](#)

Justification: Given the high rates of unemployment that have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) urges Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to allow states to begin incorporating subsidized employment into their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) E&T program. However, given the urgent need of these services, we propose for the State to provide the 50 percent match for subsidized employment programs in the interim. Subsidized employment was added to the list of allowable components for SNAP E&T by the 2018 Farm Bill, but, on March 6, 2018, FNS issued a memo to states informing that addition of subsidized employment as allowable E&T component was not available until after rule-making occurred. Subsidized employment programs are a proven strategy for reducing poverty in the short and long term and for creating more equitable and accessible pathways to stable employment for all – especially people facing serious barriers to employment. Subsidized employment programs can increase incomes and employment, reduce involvement with the criminal justice system, improve the psychological well-being of participants and their families, and reduce long-term poverty. The subsidized employment opportunities for our participants will utilize a service-centered, positive career development model to effectively re-connect E&T program participants with quality employment opportunities. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

21. Support proposals that reduce food insecurity among post-secondary educational students [and older adults age 60 or older.](#)

Justification: Food insecurity among older adults is a growing concern. A report released by Feeding America stated that even though food insecurity for the overall population declined from 2016 to 2017, the number for older adults over 60 remained largely the same. The report also indicated that 8.9 percent of older adults in Los Angeles metropolitan areas are food insecure. However, even if the rates stay the same, the number of older adults who are food insecure will be expected to increase significantly in the coming years since the number of older adults is going to keep on increasing as several reports have indicated. The Elderly Nutrition Program, which is largely funded through the Older Americans Act, has been helping older adults with their food security needs. However, OAA funds have not been keeping pace with the increasing needs, and many older adults will face the threat of hunger in the coming years unless additional funds become available. **(Recommended by Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services)**

- [27. Support proposals that would provide a limited State-funded CalFresh grant to families receiving CalFresh Only benefits, only where a parent or relative caregiver is working a sufficient number of hours to meet the CalFresh/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\) Work Participation Rate.](#)

- [28. Support proposals that would allocate new State funds for counties to conduct approved CalFresh outreach activities.](#)

Justification: These two policies were moved from 10.2 as they are specifically related to the CalFresh program. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

29. Support proposals that replace CalFresh, Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) benefits lost or stolen.

Justification: Both, the CFAP and SNB Programs are State-funded and are excluded from replacement of stolen benefits that occur through electronic skimming of the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card while the card is still in the possession of the recipient, as well as for the loss of benefits due to a misfortune or disaster. This is also current policy for the federally-funded CalFresh Program. However, Assembly Bill 2035 of 2012, provided immediate relief to recipients of Cash Aid Programs whose benefits were stolen through electronic skimming. This misalignment of State policy should be eliminated. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

30. Support proposals that will provide all CalFresh households a period of transitional CalFresh benefits once their income has exceeded their Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) limit before discontinuing the case.

Justification: Transitional CalFresh is currently available to Public Assistance CalFresh Households when CalWORKs gets discontinued for various reasons such as income exceeding the IRT. However, once a Non-Assistance CalFresh Household's income exceeds the IRT and is expected to continue at that level, their benefits are discontinued. There is a disparity between the CalFresh income limits and the actual cost-of-living for families in today's economy. Increase in income does not always equate decrease in food insecurity, as such, providing CalFresh Households with a period of transitional benefits will allow them to better acclimate to their changing financial situation to prepare for the total loss of CalFresh benefits. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

31. Support proposals that change the State's CalFresh Expedited Service (ES) timeframe from three days to five days.

Justification: It is Los Angeles County policy that CalFresh ES benefits should be issued the same day the application is received, or within three days following the date the application was filed, provided the household is eligible for ES. In Los Angeles County, if the household is unavailable to be interviewed on the day the application is received the County will schedule the intake interviews five days from the application date. Changing the timeframe from three to five days would align the State and County policy. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

32. Support proposals that suspend the CalFresh Student Rule.

Justification: Motion (Hahn) approved by the Board on May 12, 2020.

10.2 CalWORKs

1. Support measures that promote economic self-sufficiency through partnerships with public, private, nonprofit, and religious organizations to hire CalWORKs participants and provide ~~limited~~ community service and work experience opportunities.

Justification: Technical change. The deletion of the word "limited" is a correction to align the policy to existing practice. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

- ~~12. Support proposals that would provide a limited State-funded CalFresh grant to families receiving CalFresh Only benefits, only where a parent or relative caregiver is working a sufficient number of hours to meet the CalFresh/TANF Work Participation Rate.~~
- ~~13. Support proposals that would allocate new State funds for counties to conduct approved CalFresh outreach activities.~~

Justification: Moving these two policies to Section 10.1 as 10.2.12 and 10.2.13 are specifically related to the CalFresh program. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

17. Support proposals to modify asset and/or income eligibility limits and increases in earned income deductions for the CalWORKs and the CalFresh Programs to assist families and individuals impacted by ~~the~~ a recession, pandemics such as COVID-19, or natural disasters, who would otherwise not qualify for these programs.

Justification: The proposed revision to the existing policy is intended to align with upcoming minimum wage increases and future uncontrollable events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, in which States were granted temporary waivers to increase customer access. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Social Services)**

10.3 Workforce Development

7. Support proposals to enhance workforce development for high-growth industries and promote the creation of new industry sectors.

Justification: This revised policy would promote lasting economic recovery beyond the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic recovery in the County. This addition would allow the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS) to support industry sectors that have become vital during the pandemic recovery, as well as support the industry sectors that have not yet emerged but will as the pandemic recovery continues. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services).**

8. Support legislation which would create a Homeless Hiring Tax Credit to incentivize employers to create access to good jobs and living wages for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Justification: Motion (Solis) approved by the Board on March 31, 2020.

9. Support legislative and budget proposals that create and fund local food assistance pilot programs, administered by community-based and non-profit organizations that serve as food first responders and mobilize around their local communities.

Justification: Motion (Solis and Hahn) approved by the Board on August 4, 2020.

10. Support proposals to reduce employment barriers for justice-involved individuals, such as eliminating licensing barriers and creating pathways into careers with family-sustaining wages.

Justification: This policy would promote legislation aimed at assisting justice-involved individuals overcome barriers to employment. This addition would enhance WDACS' ability to better serve a historically underrepresented population through its network of job centers and through specialized programming for the justice involved population, such as the INVEST program and Century Regional Detention Facility Career Center program. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services)**

11. *Support proposals that promote collaboration between the workforce development system and educational institutions to strengthen employment pathways for youth and adults.*

Justification: This policy would promote legislation aimed at expanding better coordination between educational institutions of all levels and the public workforce system. Improved collaboration and coordination would enhance outcomes for students and help local jurisdictions leverage resources to better serve local residents and connect employers to local talent. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services)**

12. *Support proposals that promote collaboration and coordination between the workforce development system and local continuums of care to better serve individuals experiencing homelessness.*

Justification: This policy enhances WDACS' ability to better serve a historically underrepresented population through its network of job centers and through specialized programming for those experiencing homelessness, such as the HireUp program. The policy would also encourage homeless services agencies to improve coordination with the workforce development system, as employment is a critical factor in helping individuals experiencing homelessness obtain economic self-sufficiency. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services; concurred by the Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative Division)**

13. *Support proposals that enhance the additional worker and business safety and protection protocols needed due to COVID-19 or other health pandemics.*

Justification: This policy would allow WDACS to promote new safety requirements arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, for employees, employers, and patrons. Further, it would allow WDACS to support industries related to any manufacturing or production of newly needed safety equipment. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services)**

14. *Support proposals that grow the early care and education industry and improve access to childcare for individuals with the highest barriers to employment.*

Justification: This policy would allow WDACS to facilitate better access to affordable early care and education to support workers, especially in industries that do not allow for remote work. Further, the policy would enhance WDACS' ability to promote career pathways within the early care and education industry. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services; concurred by the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education)**

15. *Support proposals that incentivize the development of high-road jobs and inclusive career pathways, including job entry and advancement support for local workers and people from under-represented communities.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to a green economy), Strategy 4A to promote inclusive growth across the changing economy. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services)**

16. Support proposals that would assist with the transition of workers, particularly disadvantaged or displaced workers, from the fossil-fuel industry to other cleaner and growing industries.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 4 (A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to a green economy), Strategy 4A to promote inclusive growth across the changing economy. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. This recommendation is also consistent with a motion (Ridley-Thomas) adopted by the Board on September 29, 2020. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services)**

17. Support proposals that spur job creation through the streamlined review of employment-generating land uses in strategic locations and the coordination of workforce development with long-range land use planning.

Justification: This policy statement would allow WDACS to opine on legislation that encourages workforce systems to collaborate with planning agencies to ensure that new development spurs job creation. This recommendation comes from employers in critical County sectors through the *LA County Works* initiative, organized by WDACS, the Department of Regional Planning, and other departments to identify strategies to support industries and spur economic recovery across the County. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services; concurred by the Department of Regional Planning)**

10.4 Citizenship, Legalization Assistance, and Immigration Matters

3. Support proposals for services and State funding to provide immigrants and their families ~~populations~~ with due process protections, including legal representation for individuals facing ~~deportation~~-removal proceedings.

Justification: DCBA-Office of Immigrant Affairs (DCBA-OIA), reports that in recent years, aggressive and widespread Federal immigration enforcement of various anti-immigrant policies and proposals put many of the County's nearly two million non-citizen residents at risk of deportation. This includes lawful permanent residents, refugees and asylees, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients, and almost one million undocumented people. Despite the complexity of immigration proceedings and the grave consequences that deportation inflicts on people, individuals in immigration court cases are left to defend themselves without the right to a government-provided attorney. The results of the Los Angeles Justice Fund, a public/private two-year pilot to provide immigration legal representation to low-income immigrants at risk of

deportation, showed that 62 percent of clients with completed cases were able to stay in the United States. This compares to less than five percent for unrepresented individuals. This policy would allow the County to support initiatives that afford legal due process to low-income immigrants and their families. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Office of Immigrant Affairs)**

8. Sponsor or support proposals to strengthen consumer protection against fraud and harmful acts ~~protections for~~ impacting immigrants and their families seeking immigration services.

Justification: According to the Migration Policy Institute, California is home to about three million undocumented immigrants who account for nearly 10 percent of California's population. And it is estimated that about one third of California's undocumented immigrants live in the County of Los Angeles. DCBA-OIA reports that undocumented immigrants and those who have not naturalized are often targets of unscrupulous individuals who pretend to be immigration services experts, but in reality, often cause great harm to their unsuspecting victims. To address this issue, the County sponsored AB 1753 of 2019 which would have allowed only federally-accredited non-profit organizations and licensed attorneys to provide fee-based immigration services. However, the bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee and continued legislative efforts are needed to protect consumers against fraudulent, misleading, and harmful actors in the immigration consultant industry. This policy would allow the County to continue to support measures to strengthen protections for vulnerable immigrants who fall prey to scammers who often charge high fees, mishandle cases, and leave them exposed to deportation. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Office of Immigrant Affairs)**

9. Support proposals that increase ~~enhance~~ access to services and/or provide resources for ~~immigrant community~~ immigrants and their families, with emphasis on culture, language, and immigration competencies. ~~such as proposals that support communicating in different languages and cultural competency.~~

Justification: Los Angeles County is home to more immigrants than any other county in the nation. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 36 percent of the County's population was born in another country. And according to a recent study by Asian Americans Advancing Justice, nearly one in three people in the County experience difficulty communicating in English to the extent that it impacts their ability to access services provided only in English. Moreover, DCBA-OIA indicates that anti-immigrant Federal immigration policies have made immigrants more concerned about receiving government benefits due to fear that doing so may negatively impact their immigration status. This policy would allow the County to support measures that strengthen outreach and education for immigrants and their families in a manner that is culturally, linguistically, and immigration sensitive. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Office of Immigrant Affairs)**

11. Support proposals that provide services and/or funding for unaccompanied minors (and their families) that seek asylum or other victim-based immigration relief protection.

Justification: DCBA-OIA reports that the Flores Settlement Agreement (FSA) between immigrant children advocates and the Federal government requires that immigration officials transfer, within 72 hours, all unaccompanied minors they detain to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ORR then places the minors in their shelters while they try to unify them with their parents or sponsors within 20 days, as required by the FSA. The FSA also requires that ORR shelters provide immigrant children the least restrictive setting possible and establishes that shelters must be state licensed

and meet all state standards for child care. Once the minors turn 18 years old, however, ORR releases them from their care and shelters, putting them at high risk of not having shelter and not receiving the mental health care and immigration legal representation they desperately need to avoid homelessness and removal from the country. This policy would allow the County to support proposals that provide urgently needed wraparound support services to these immigrant children and their families. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Office of Immigrant Affairs)**

[12. Support proposals that would provide and/or expand access to disaster assistance resources and programs for immigrants and their families.](#)

Justification: According to DCBA-OIA, immigrants in Los Angeles County, like all Angelinos, are severely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Moreover, some immigrants are afraid that getting support services, such as testing for COVID-19, renters assistance, and workers' relief, will affect their immigration status. There are more than 3.6 million immigrants — a third of the population — in Los Angeles County who make up 44 percent of the workforce. Immigrants are not only an essential part of the workforce in the County, they are also disproportionately represented among essential workers, including in food services, nursing, construction, and childcare. These workers face unique challenges that make it harder for them to access public services that could help them weather the crisis, such as limited English proficiency and mistrust of government. The difficulties are compounded for undocumented people, who are barred from accessing social safety nets, such as unemployment insurance and food stamps. This policy would allow the County to support proposals that ensure that immigrants receive the support services they need to continue supporting themselves, their families, and the County. **(Recommended by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Office of Immigrant Affairs)**

10.5 Domestic Violence

1. Support proposals to increase funding for services to domestic violence victims and their children, including increased funding for outreach, screening, counseling, case management ~~and~~ legal services, [financial empowerment, and job training and placement](#) for domestic violence victims and their families in unserved and underserved populations.

Justification: DPH reports that domestic violence related financial abuse is significant and services to address the financial needs of victims and their families is critical to the County's efforts to address, reduce, and prevent intimate partner violence. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

10.6 In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

[8. Support proposals that advocate for In-Home Supportive Services providers.](#)

Justification: Motion (Ridley-Thomas and Kuehl) approved by the Board on March 31, 2020.

10.7 Senior and Adult Services

21. *Support legislation, proposals, and funding to expand fall/injury prevention efforts and implement the National Falls-Free Initiative at local levels.*

Justification: Older adults are living longer with mobility challenges, the most common of which is walking and climbing stairs. According to the National Council on Aging (NCOA), falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for older adults. Falls threaten older adults' safety and independence and generate enormous economic and personal costs. NCOA reported that in 2015, the total cost of fall injuries was \$50 billion, and Medicare and Medicaid shouldered 75 percent of these costs. Common causes of injury in the home include front steps, staircases, narrow doorways, low electric sockets, low light levels, round door handles, high kitchen cabinets, low toilets, and bathrooms without grab bars or moveable shower heads. Current fall prevention efforts are limited to some community education activities as part of OAA Title D program and observance of the Annual National Falls Prevention Awareness Day. Grants authorized under the recent Dignity at Home Fall Prevention Program of the State are limited to a maximum of \$150,000 for each eligible Area Agency on aging. This is a very small amount for these critically needed services. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services)**

22. *Support legislation, proposals, and funding to enhance the financial well-being of family caregivers.*

Justification: The economic impact of caregiving is extensive. A report from the California Task Force on Family Caregiving indicated that 36 percent of family caregivers to adults above the age of 50 report feeling financial strain from their caregiving duties. Approximately 10 percent of caregivers leave the workforce prematurely to provide care. The Taskforce also reported that only 40 percent of total caregivers indicate that "they are confident they will have the resources to pay for any ongoing care they may need." Out-of-pocket costs include payments for housing costs, home modifications, respite, medical costs, and other household expenses incurred from providing care to the recipient.

As recommended by the Taskforce, support for financial wellbeing of caregivers could be provided by, (a) passing a statewide tax credit for the out-of-pocket costs of family caregiving; and (b) implementing a long-term care insurance program to cover the costs of community-based services. Services can include adult day care, chore services, home-delivered meals, personal care, respite care, and transportation. Supporting caregivers would help older adults to live with dignity in their homes. **(Recommended by the Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services)**

10.9 Military and Veterans Affairs

1. Support proposals to increase efforts to reduce homelessness for veterans and their families, increase affordable housing, mental health services, including treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, ~~substance abuse~~ SUD treatment, training, placement and employment opportunities, and provide other essential assistance to those who have served in our armed forces.

Justification: This change updates the language with the most current non-stigmatizing language used in the field. **(Recommended by the Department of Public Health)**

10.11 Homelessness

2. Support proposals which provide funding to meet the housing and related supportive service needs of special populations, including homeless, [veterans](#), elderly, [Native Americans](#), disabled, and those with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

Justification: The proposed revision to add the veterans and Native American population will align this policy with County's efforts to house all special populations and provide them with wrap-around services. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division)**

- [10. Support proposals that would remove zoning restrictions and other barriers to the by-right use of publicly owned and controlled property for shelters and supportive or affordable housing.](#)

Justification: Motion (Ridley-Thomas and Hahn) approved by the Board on January 21, 2020.

- [11. Support proposals to expand housing opportunities for people who are homeless or who are at-risk of becoming homeless, including eviction defense services, temporary rental assistance, and temporary mortgage forbearance.](#)

Justification: Motion (Kuehl and Ridley-Thomas) approved by the Board on May 12, 2020.

- [12. Support proposals that would require a minimum allocation of State homelessness funding be spent on services that meet the specific needs of unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness.](#)

Justification: Motion (Solis and Barger) approved by the Board on September 29, 2020.

11. TRANSPORTATION

22. Support efforts to ~~evaluate~~ [replace](#) the State's Congestion Management Program ~~and with current performance-based planning measures that~~ better align its goals and objectives with local land use and regional transportation goals and objectives.

Justification: The State's Congestion Management Program (CMP) has become increasingly outdated over the last several years in relation to the direction of regional, State, and Federal transportation planning requirements. The framework for the CMP is linked to the idea that congestion can be mitigated by continuing to add capacity to roadways since the primary metric that drives the program is level of service (LOS). LOS is a qualitative metric that is used to define operational conditions of a roadway in terms of vehicular service measures. Recent State laws and rulemaking move away from LOS directly or indirectly and therefore, the CMP contradicts key State policies. While the CMP requirement was one of the pioneering efforts to conduct performance-based planning, the approach became antiquated and included costly and redundant administrative processes with little to no congestion management benefit along with the continued mandate of using LOS to determine roadway deficiencies. Metro was designated as the Congestion Management Agency responsible for administering the County's region CMP. On June 28, 2018, the Metro Board of Directors acted to initiate the process to opt-out of the State-mandated program. On July 16, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution electing for the Los Angeles County to be exempt from the Congestion Management Program. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Public Works)**

25. Support legislation and transportation funding proposals, including new fees and taxes, that would: 1) provide permanent and sustainable funding to maintain and repair the State's transportation infrastructure and local streets and roads to ensure the safe and efficient mobility of the traveling public and the economic vitality of California; 2) ensure an equitable funding formula between the State and local governments; and 3) adhere to the following priorities:
- a. Makes a significant new investment in transportation infrastructure that would remain in place for at least 10 years or until an alternative method of funding our transportation system is agreed upon;
 - b. Supports the transition to a zero-emissions transportation system, especially in goods movement;
 - c. Focuses on ~~maintaining and rehabilitating~~ maintenance and transforming the current system of local streets and highways to attain a transportation network that is safe for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders;
 - d. Recognizes the critical importance of public transit systems and goods movement infrastructure to environmental sustainability and economic well-being;
 - e. Provides for a roadway maintenance funding formula that equitably distributes revenue between the State and local governments and, consistent with current and historical practices, provides new revenues to local governments via direct subventions for investment in local streets and roads;
 - f. Raises revenues through a package that utilizes multiple funding sources, including fuel taxes, license fees and registration fees; and
 - g. Provides strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 8 (A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility and quality of life while reducing car dependency), Strategy 8A to Reduce vehicle miles traveled by prioritizing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

26. Support legislation aimed at protecting or increasing funding for the Los Angeles County public transit system (including bikeway and other active transportation networks) and projects.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 8 (A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility and quality of life while reducing car dependency), Strategy 8A to reduce vehicle miles traveled by prioritizing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the

Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

28. Support proposals that provide funding, support or flexibility to local governments to implement [*transit first policies*](#), traffic safety programs and initiatives, consistent with Vision Zero, including flexibility establishing enforceable speed limits.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 8 (A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility and quality of life while reducing car dependency), Strategy 8A to reduce vehicle miles traveled by prioritizing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

- [*30. Support proposals that would promote active transportation that are inclusive of and accessible to all levels of physical ability, including promoting active transportation networks between jurisdictions.*](#)

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 8 (A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility and quality of life while reducing car dependency), Strategy 8B to Reduce vehicle miles traveled by prioritizing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

- [*31. Support proposals that would provide funding or other incentives to support the provision of low and no-cost transit passes for students, seniors, disabled people, and low-income populations.*](#)

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 8 (A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility and quality of life while reducing car dependency), Strategy 8A to reduce vehicle miles traveled by prioritizing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

- [*32. Support proposals that would provide funding and other assistance for the installation of bus-only lanes and signal prioritization for transit buses, including for the installation of full bus rapid transit infrastructure along priority corridors.*](#)

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 8 (A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility and quality of life while reducing car dependency), Strategy 8A to reduce vehicle miles traveled by prioritizing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which,

among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

33. *Support proposals that would equitably integrate emerging transportation technologies into existing transportation networks safely and in ways that reduce greenhouse gas emissions due to transportation.*

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with Goal 8 (A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility and quality of life while reducing car dependency), Strategy 8A to reduce vehicle miles traveled by prioritizing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles. It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan, including identifying potential areas where the County should advocate for State and Federal funding to support the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

12. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

12.1 Energy

1. ~~Support proposals to expand electric generation and supply in California, including a waiver of air quality emission standards when electricity supply is critically low.~~ Support proposals to expand electric generation and supply in California to ensure energy resiliency.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 7 (A fossil-fuel free LA County), Strategy 7A (Transition to a zero-carbon energy system that reduces air and climate pollution and that minimizes the dangers of a changing climate to our communities and economy). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan. It is also consistent with the goals of the County-established community choice energy program (the Clean Power Alliance) which the Board-approved on April 10, 2018. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

3. Support proposals to increase funding for programs administered or managed by public agencies for public and private sectors which encourage and/or implement reduced energy consumption, reduced peak energy usage, on-demand energy usage reduction (demand response), increased renewable energy usage (solar photovoltaic, solar water heating, ~~clean natural gas use, bioenergy~~), energy storage, energy data management systems, water efficiency/conservation, and energy financing programs.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 7 (A fossil-fuel free LA County), Strategy 7A (Transition to a zero-carbon energy system that reduces air and climate pollution and that minimizes the dangers of a changing climate to our communities and economy). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to

review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan. It is also consistent with the goals of the County-established community choice energy program (the Clean Power Alliance) which the Board approved on April 10, 2018. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by Los Angeles County Public Works)**

21. Support proposals that would prohibit the State Water Resources Control Board from extending the operating permits of coastal power plants that use once-through cooling systems.

Justification: Motion (Hahn) approved by the Board on May 12, 2020.

12.4 Underground Utilities

4. Support proposals that provide funding to local governments to convert overhead electric lines to underground facilities or to expand criteria for qualification to include fire safety, reliability projects, or projects in disadvantaged communities.

Justification: Motion (Barger) approved by the Board on May 26, 2020.

12.5 Oil and Gas Facilities

8. Support proposals to expedite the closure of natural gas facilities, accelerate permanent closure plans, and limit storage capacity of natural gas facilities.

Justification: Motion (Barger) approved by the Board on January 7, 2020.

9. Support legislation that establishes statewide minimum setback distances for oil and gas operations, including drilling, from sensitive land uses provided that these requirements do not preempt local authority from establishing more protective measures.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1A (Minimize the exposure of vulnerable populations to pollution and reduce health disparities), Action 2 (Expand the minimum setback distance for oil and gas operations from sensitive land uses). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**

10. Support proposals to assess the condition, regulatory compliance, and potential safety risk of existing and orphaned or abandoned oil and gas facilities, and support proposals that would facilitate the clean-up or closure of abandoned or orphaned wells.

Justification: This recommendation is consistent with the Board-approved "OurCounty" Sustainability Plan Goal 1 (Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place), Strategy 1A (Minimize the exposure of vulnerable populations to pollution and reduce health disparities), Action 3 (Conduct an inventory to identify all abandoned/idled oil and gas infrastructure in LA County, and work with DOGGR (note: now named CalGEM) to develop and implement a closure plan, prioritized by condition and proximity to sensitive populations, that

includes identification of potential funding sources). It is also consistent with the Board-approved motion (August 6, 2019) which, among other directives, instructed the Chief Sustainability Officer to review the County's Legislative Policy Program and recommend changes to align with the Plan. **(Recommended by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office; concurred by the Department of Public Health)**